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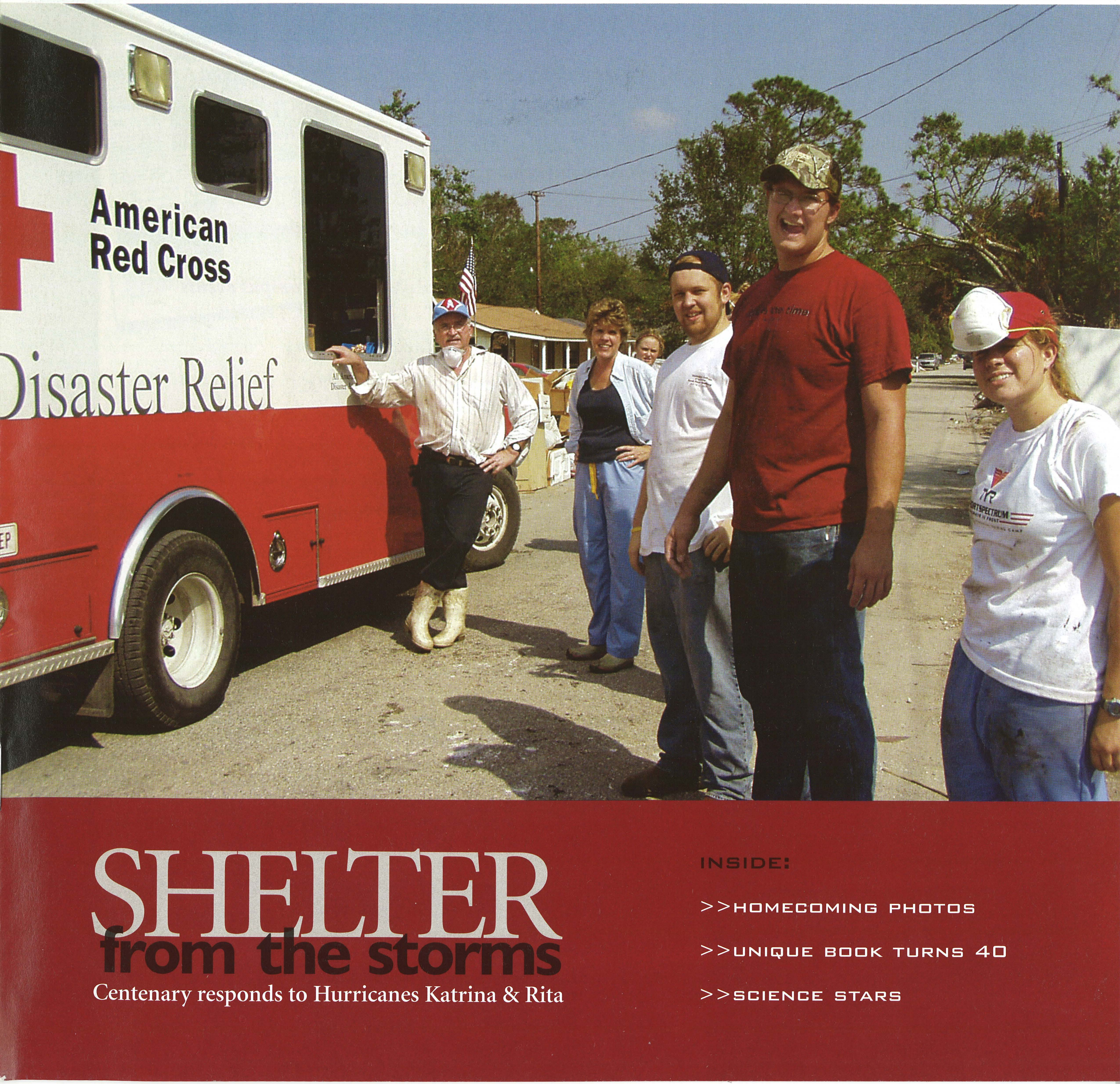
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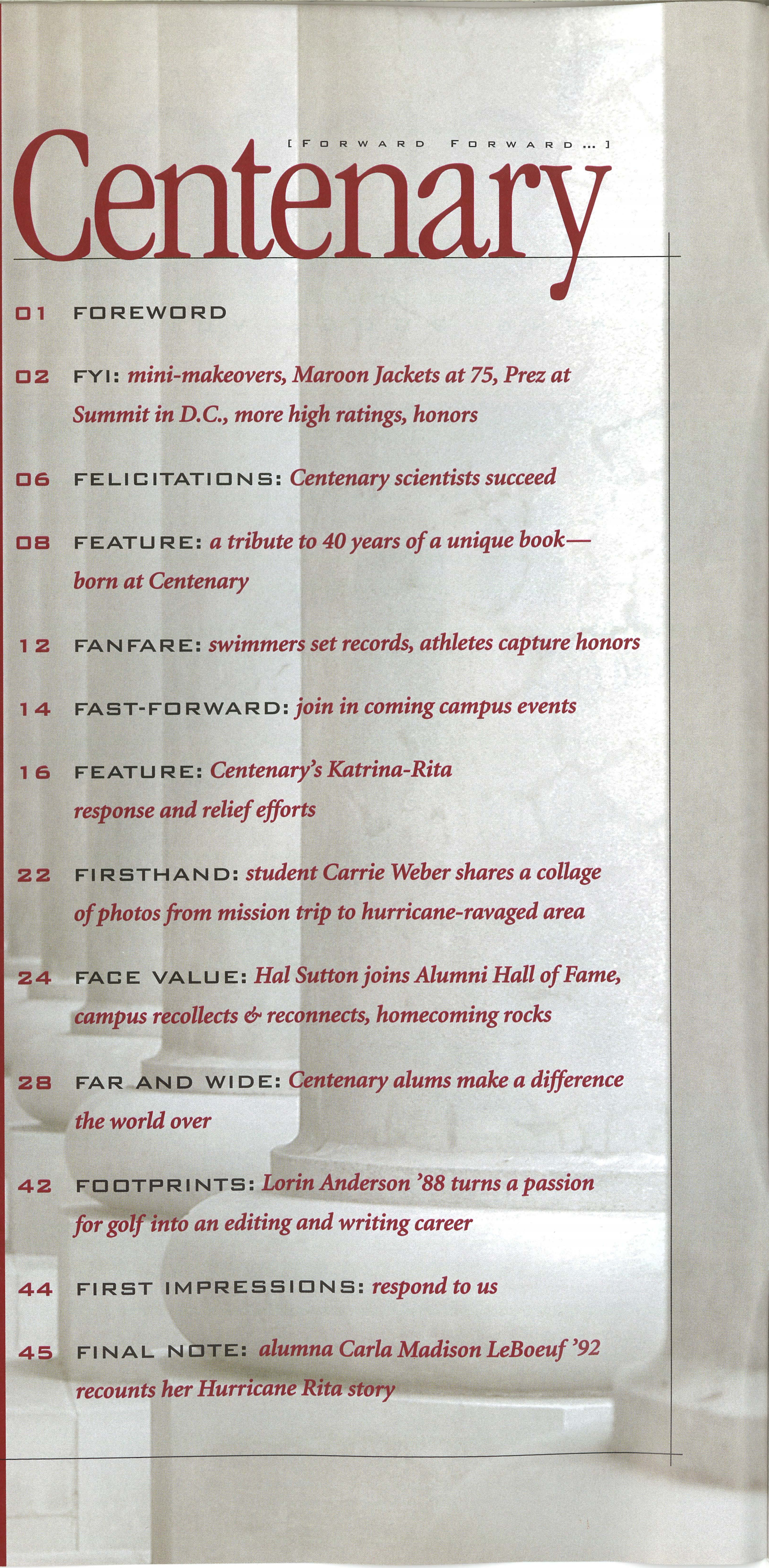

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Centenary students and staff assist with hurricane relief in South Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. Photo by Mimi McDowell. See pages 16–23.

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Centenary is Site for Social Security Event with

President George W. Bush

President George W. Bush brought his Social Security road show to Centenary on March 11. The event was a part of Bush's 60-day national push to promote his plan to overhaul the nation's Social Security system.

His visit to Centenary was the first by a sitting U.S. president in the College's 180-year history.

Almost 3,000 people packed the Gold Dome for the program that began at 1:45 p.m. and ended at 2:30 p.m. Many had waited in line at security checkpoints since early morning, holding much-sought-after tickets that had been distributed by The White House, U.S. Rep. Jim McCrery and U.S. Sen. David Vitter.

Bush received a warm welcome from the largely partisan crowd while outside, in space designated as a "public viewing area," some 75 people gathered peacefully to display signs and voice their opinions, both pro and con, about Bush administration policies.

Among the attendees were some 200 Centenary students, faculty and staff whose names were randomly selected from those who signed up for a chance to attend. Another 150, approximately, were also able to attend after having served as volunteers for the event or performing for the audience prior to the President's arrival. Forty-five students combined to perform as members of the Camerata singers, Centenary College Choir and the String Quintet.

A closed-circuit viewing area was also made available to the Centenary community in Kilpatrick Auditorium through a collaborative arrangement with KTBS-TV.

President George W. Bush is introduced by U.S. Rep. Jim McCrery of Louisiana's 4th Congressional District and welcomed by an enthusiastic crowd in the Centenary Gold Dome on March 11.

See text of the Social Security event at Centenary on The White House web site at www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2005/03/20050311-13.html

See Centenary photos at www.centenary.edu/gallery/Bush2005

USA TODAY Names Centenary Student to Top 20

All-USA Academic Team

Kelsey Bellamy Johnson, a senior at Centenary, is one of 20 students in the nation named Feb. 17 to the First Team of the All-USA College Academic Team by the national daily newspaper *USA TODAY*. The students were selected for their outstanding intellectual achievement and leadership.

Ms. Johnson was recognized during Centenary's annual Founders' Day Convocation in Brown Memorial Chapel. President Kenneth L. Schwab presented her with a Centenary Laurel and the convocation audience gave her a standing ovation.

The 20 students selected for the First Team were featured in the Feb. 17 edition of *USA TODAY*. Each received $2,500 cash awards and trophies.

"It's gratifying to be able to recognize the promise and passion of a new generation of students who are determined to make a difference. We salute their hard work and envy their future," said *USA TODAY* editor Ken Paulson.

The First Team was chosen from 602 undergraduates nominated by colleges across the country and "selected in a very rigorous process," said Tracey Briggs, All-USA Academic Team coordinator. A panel of judges considered grades, leadership, activities, and how students extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom.

The First Team includes students from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Duke, MIT, the U.S. Naval Academy, Radford, the Universities of California at Los Angeles and North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Auburn, Valparaiso, Arizona State, Virginia Tech and the Northwestern University of Illinois.

Johnson, 21, of Shreveport, La., and formerly of Golden, Texas, is pursuing a double major in French and communication.

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Kelsey Bellamy Johnson, President Kenneth L. Schwab, and the entire audience at Founders' Day 2005 celebrate Ms. Johnson's selection to the USA TODAY All-USA College Academic First Team. Her selection was announced in the national newspaper on Feb. 17, the same day as the college's annual Founders' Day convocation.

FORWARD, FORWARD… CENTENARY ADJ: AT THE FOREFRONT OR PROGRESSIVE; ARDENTLY INCLINED; OF, RELATING TO, OR DONE IN PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE; GOING, TENDING OR MOVING TOWARD A POSITION IN FRONT

The words on the cover of this new magazine—"Forward, forward … Centenary"—reinforce traditions at Centenary College of Louisiana by echoing the chorus from our *alma mater* and pointing to Centenary's record of forward-thinking scholarship.

Centenary Today, the former newspaper for alumni and friends of the College, moves forward now with a change in format that will enable Centenary stories to be presented in feature format and with photography best complemented by magazine printing and presentation.

Like the preceding newspaper and the even earlier *Centenary* publication, *Centenary Magazine* is designed to capture the pictures and stories of the people and events that combine to make each semester unique.

In this inaugural issue we devote several pages to Centenary's response to the largest natural disaster ever to hit Louisiana and indeed the nation, the double disasters of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita last August and September. It is difficult to imagine the depth of the devastation and the challenges ahead for the entire state, including the effects on those of us who live and study in the safety of Northwest Louisiana but whose lives are forever affected by the devastation down south. Editor Lynn Stewart gives a day-by-day account of Centenary's response during the early days of the storms (pages 16–21). Alumna Carla Madison LeBoeuf '92 writes of her hurricane experience in Southwest Louisiana (page 45) and Centenary student Carrie Weber presents photographs (pages 22–23) of part of the incredible devastation as Centenary Church Careers students lend a hand in Slidell, La.

Additionally, there is a feature about a unique college textbook that was born at Centenary 40 years ago and has been in use all over the world during these past four decades. Associate editor Kelsey Johnson writes about the amazing book and its Centenary authors (pages 8–11), and also pens an interesting profile of alumnus Lorin Anderson '88, whose passion for golf translated into a related career (page 42).

Read also about Founders' Day and Homecoming Weekend (pages 24–27), just completed in February, which gave us a chance to induct PGA Golfer Hal Sutton into the Alumni Hall of Fame (in addition to his previous listing in the Athletic Hall of Fame) and to recognize Gene and Charlotte Bryson with the Alumni Loyalty Award and Drs. Brad McPherson and Rosemary Seidler with Honorary Alumnus/Alumna status.

Other parts of the magazine recount the activities and accomplishments of Centenary faculty, staff, students and alumni. And, at the end, there is an opportunity for you to let us know what you think about *Centenary Magazine* and what you would like to see in future issues (page 44). Your thoughts are important to us. Please read and enjoy and let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Schwab
President

COLLEGE*news*

PRESIDENT SCHWAB JOINS HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERS AT SUMMIT IN D.C.

Centenary President Kenneth L. Schwab is among a select group of higher education leaders who were invited to attend the U.S. University Presidents Summit in Washington, D.C. President George W. Bush spoke and attendees discussed the future of international higher education.

Centenary has long been recognized for its requirement of an intercultural experience for all students and for its numerous study abroad options, ranging from a full academic year to short-term summer study.

"Study abroad should be an integral part of education and an opportunity for all students. An intercultural experience is certainly an important part of the Centenary experience," Schwab said.

The 2005-06 Maroon Jackets at President's Convocation.

MAROON JACKETS CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF SERVICE

This year, the Maroon Jackets celebrate their 75th anniversary as Centenary's official hosts and hostesses. Selected by the campus community, the Maroon Jackets help with annual convocations and programs.

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CENTENARY ALUMNI TAILGATE AT LSU'S TIGER STADIUM

Centenary hasn't had a football team in more than 60 years, but who says you need a football team to throw a tailgating party? Members of the Centenary Alumni Association didn't let that detail bother them as they partied outside of LSU's Tiger Stadium in October. The group celebrated their connection to Centenary and boasted that, in 1932, the Gents earned a 6-0 victory over the Tigers in a memorable football game.

CENTENARY GETS MINI-MAKEOVERS ALL OVER CAMPUS

Over the summer and early fall of 2005, the Moore Student Union Building underwent a $1.5 million renovation. Results were revealed to an enthusiastic audience of Centenary students, faculty, staff and friends in September. New features include a coffee bar, stylish sofas and study chairs, wireless Internet and a spacious game and recreational area with new carpet and remodeled restrooms. The "Faces of Centenary" exhibit is permanently displayed on the SUB's walls, with photographs of Centenary students, alumni, faculty and staff on view. With Centenary apparel and college textbooks for sale, the College Store has been expanded, and the campus Post Office has been relocated downstairs near the Student Life offices.

Centenary has been doing other sprucing up lately. The facades of many buildings have gotten a fresh coat of paint, as have some interior walls. A new campus map kiosk has been installed near the Anderson Choral Building's circle drive to help guide campus visitors to the buildings they seek. Workers have been repaving several sidewalks, including one that winds through the Centenary Arboretum and others in the athletic complex area. A new entrance to Shehee Stadium is in the works as well.

Three students pose as mannequins in the newly renovated College Store window.

QUERIED STUDENTS GIVE CENTENARY HIGH RATINGS ON NATIONAL SURVEY

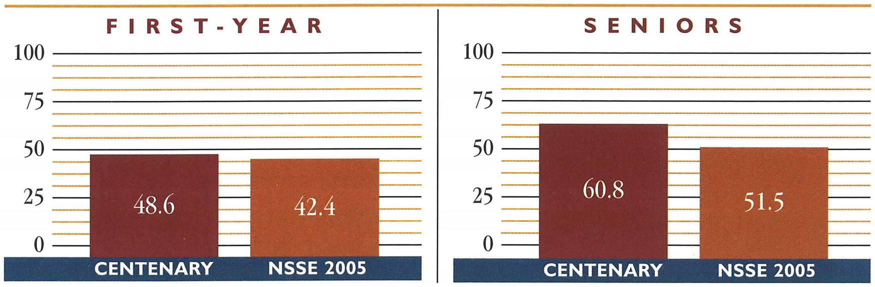
Centenary students, participating for the first time this past year, gave favorable ratings to the College in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), whose results were released in November.

Statistics show that Centenary meets or exceeds most student-engagement benchmarks for first-year students and seniors when compared with selected peer institutions. Students ranked Centenary especially high in "Active and Collaborative Learning," "Student-Faculty Interaction" and "Supportive Campus Environment."

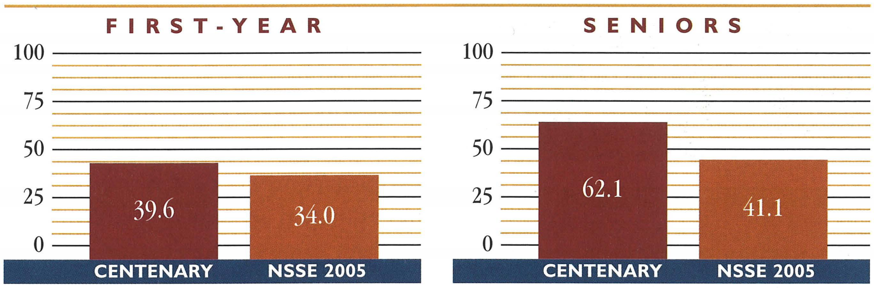
The "Active and Collaborative Learning" section of the survey queried students about asking questions in class, making class presentations, working with other students on projects during class and outside of class, tutoring other students, participating in a community-based project as part of a regular course and discussing ideas from readings or classes with others outside of class.

All Centenary students surveyed also showed higher benchmark mean comparison scores in the "Student-Faculty Interaction" area, which measured interaction with faculty members inside and outside of class and the resulting interactions as teachers become role models, mentors and guides for continuous, lifelong learning.

Active & Collaborative Learning



Student-Faculty Interaction



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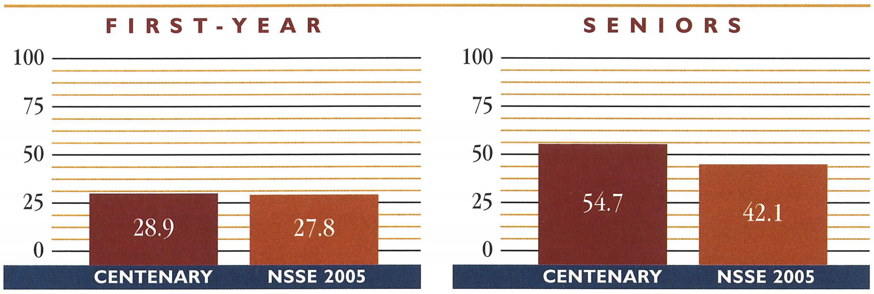

First-year and senior students had high marks for Centenary's "Supportive Campus Environment," which gauges how students perform better and are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success and that cultivate positive working and social relationships among different groups on campus.

CORRINGTON AWARD GOES TO BOBBIE ANN MASON

In November, Bobbie Ann Mason received the 16th annual John William Corrington Award for Literary Excellence. A native of rural Kentucky, Mason is the author of four novels, four collections of short stories—many of which first appeared in such national magazines as *The New Yorker* and *The Atlantic*—a literary memoir and more. While visiting Centenary, Mason spent time with students and faculty discussing literature and her writing career.

"PAVING THE WAY" CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Alumni and friends are being encouraged to help fund the Leadership Fountain, a state-of-the-art fountain soon to be constructed in Centenary's quadrangle. By purchasing engraved bricks and/or pavers, donors support both the construction of the fountain and the Campaign for Scholarships. Engraved bricks and pavers will be embedded within the walkways leading up to the fountain and will trim the fountain's border.

Initial funds for the fountain have already been raised, but additional monies are still needed. Those who participate become an integral part of improving Centenary's campus and funding individual educations, officials said. Contributions count as annual gifts to Centenary for the 2006-07 fiscal year. Go to **www.centenary.edu/pave** to order engraved bricks and/or pavers.

Hilton Garden Inn

CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR SINGS AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR SEVENTH TIME

White House guests once again were treated to seasonal favorites sung by the Centenary College Choir. The Choir is quite possibly the only collegiate choir ever to have been invited so many times to The White House for annual holiday receptions. Choir Director Dr. Will Andress traveled with a 21-member ensemble for this special event in December.

REGENTS, CENTENARY ANNOUNCE SIX ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS

The Louisiana Board of Regents and Centenary College announced six new $100,000 endowed professorships in October: the William Arceneaux Endowed Professorship in Foreign Language (in tribute to the late Sgt. Robin Fell); two Dr. Charles T. Beaird Endowed Professorships of Philosophy; the John Spencer and Elizabeth Doyle Hardy Endowed Professorship; and two A.C. "Cheesy" Voran Choir Director Endowed Professorships. Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Louisiana commissioner of higher education, announced the professorships during a reception in the Anderson Choral Building atrium.

THE 'MAN WITH THE SHARPER IMAGE' IS CENTENARY'S ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE WILLIAM JOYCE

"The Man with the Sharper Image" is the description of Centenary's Artist-in-Residence William Joyce by the Shreveport-Bossier Advertising Federation in its announcement of its 2005 Image Award.

Joyce, who received the award Jan. 31, 2006, at the Shreveport Petroleum Club, was recognized as the person who, during the previous year, "brought regional, national or international attention and prestige to the cities."

With Joyce's offices occupying the second floor of Centenary's Sam Peters Building, Centenary has embraced the author-illustrator-playwright as a favored son of the Centenary community. Among his accomplishments: work as producer and production designer of the movie *Robots*, producer of the feature film *Buddy*, two Emmys (for the *Rolie Polie Olie* television series), 16 award-winning children's books, conceptual characters for such films as *Toy Story* and *A Bug's Life*, and covers for *The New Yorker* magazine.

Joyce was introduced at the Image Award Luncheon by Centenary alumna Cynthia Gleason '81, who also pointed to the large number of Image Award recipients who have had Centenary connections over the years.

AUTHOR OF *CAPITALISM'S ACHILLES HEEL* TO KICK OFF PATE SCHOLARSHIP MARCH 27

One of the country's foremost experts on money laundering and illegal flight capital, Raymond W. Baker, will be the featured speaker at a dinner for alumni, students, and friends of Frost School of Business. The event is set for Monday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m. in Kilpatrick Auditorium. It kicks-off fundraising for an endowed scholarship in memory of Dr. Woodrow Pate, longtime professor of economics.

"When I visit with alumni who graduated between the years 1950 and 1979 they speak with fondness and gratitude of the lessons learned from Woody Pate," said Dr. Chris Martin, dean of the Frost School of Business. "I trust that those who knew Dr. Pate and who were so influenced by this great teacher and scholar will view the endowed scholarship as a fitting tribute."

Baker will speak on the corrosive effects of "dirty money" in the global free market system, the subject of his new book, *Capitalism's Achilles Heel* (Willey, 2005). His work draws on over four decades of experiences in international business in some two dozen countries. He is a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution and a senior Fellow at the Center for International Policy.

Tickets to the event are $25 per plate. For reservations, call 318.869.5141 or email the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@centenary.edu.

SOCIOLOGY STUDENT WRITES 'BEST UNDERGRADUATE PAPER'

Centenary senior Diya Surie's paper, "Ideological Foundations of Healthcare Inequality: A Cross-Cultural Study," has been awarded the 2006 Odum Award from the Southern Sociological Society for best undergraduate paper.

Surie, who is pursuing degrees in sociology and biochemistry, will receive the award on March 24 at an awards reception at the Southern Sociological Society Meeting in New Orleans, where she will present her paper.

A Centenary graduate, who is now at Vanderbilt in a sociology Ph.D. program, Harmony Newman, also won this award in 2003.

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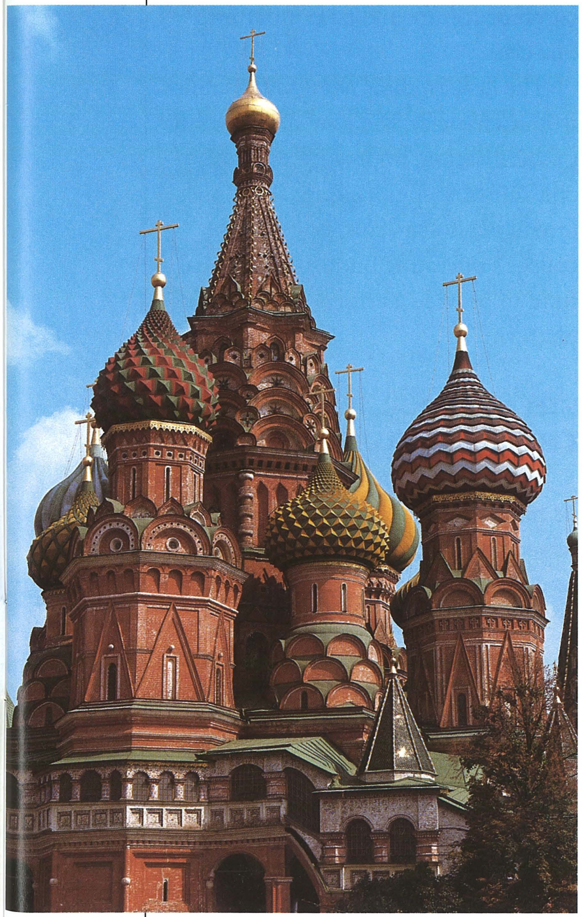
CRUISE THE PASSAGE OF PETER THE GREAT

September 13–25, 2006

The Centenary Alumni Travel Program invites you to retrace the steps of Peter the Great as you explore St. Petersburg, Moscow, and more while on board the luxurious M.S. Repin. Your hosts will be David Henington '82, Katherine Turner Cheesman '47 and Dr. Lee Morgan H'96.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Begin your journey in St. Petersburg, the capital of the czars, where you will visit magnificent fortresses, palaces and museums.
- Cruise on Lake Ladoga, Lake Oneg, and the Volga, Svir and Neva Rivers, seeing the cultural heart of Russia, an old Russian village and Kizhi Island.
- Have a picnic lunch in the lush emerald environs of a Russian forest and nature preserve.
- Shop in charming wooden dachas for local handicrafts and enjoy folk music.
- Spend three days in Moscow, touring the Kremlin, the Armory Museum, Red Square and the Tretyakov Gallery.
- Receive an exclusive tour of the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center in Star City, Russia.



RATES

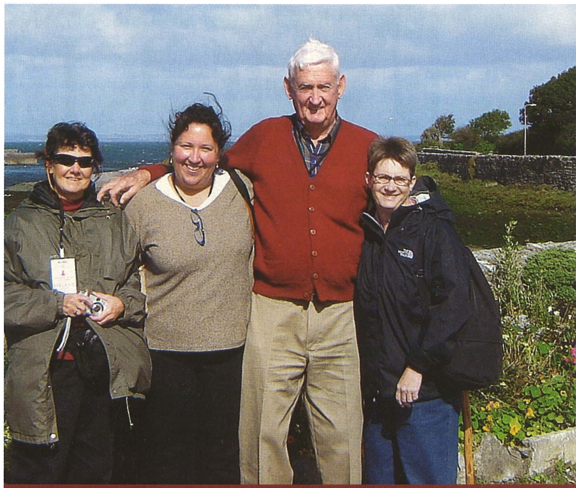
Rates include round-trip air out of Atlanta, all meals, all accommodations on board the M.S. Repin, and all excursions. The rates listed below are based on per person, double occupancy and reflect an early booking discount. Rates will increase $200 per person after April 10.

Suite–$5,145; **A**–$4,745; **B**–$4,445; **C**–$4,145; **D**–$3,945; **E**–$3,645; **F**–$3,445; **G**–$3,245 (sold out)

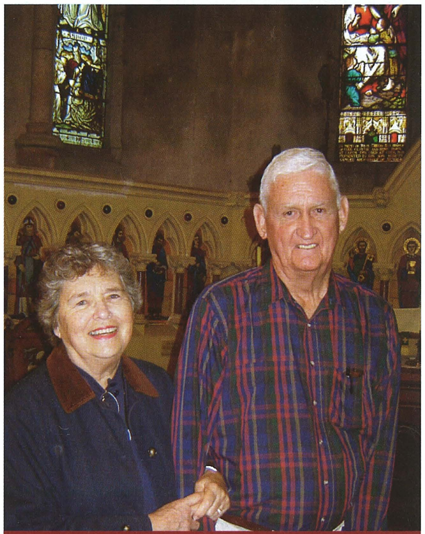
RESERVATIONS

Select your price category and call AHI International at 800.323.7373 for assistance in booking this trip. Those who need connecting air transportation to Atlanta, should mention that when booking to avoid any extra fees at a later date. Deposit is $600.

For complete cruise information, visit www.centenary.edu/alumni/travel. While this trip is sponsored by the Centenary Alumni Travel Program, all travelers are welcome.



An Irish photo op (left to right): Mildred Cox, Content Cortese '85, Jack Carlton '42 and Dorry McDonald '80

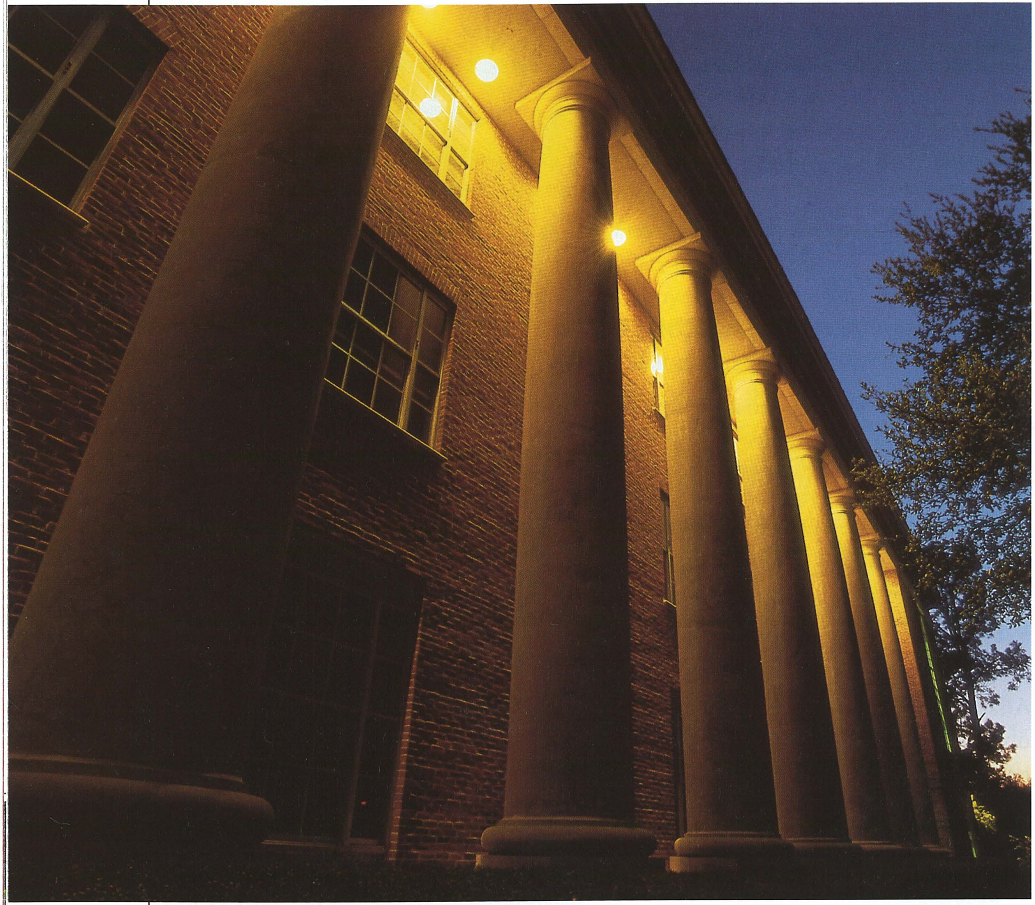


Mary Ellen Petree Carlton '47 and Dr. Jack Carlton '42 tour Irish landmark.

Alumni Tour Ireland

Alumni and friends traveled to Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, in September 2005. Highlights included the Cliffs of Moher, the Aran Island of Inishmore, the ancient Burren, Bunratty Castle, Thoor Ballaylee, home of W. B. Yeats, and Coole Park. Travelers enjoyed brief lectures on local history and lore, story telling, the Great Irish Famine and literature. Medieval Ennis is known for its quaint charm, pubs and traditional Irish music. It did not disappoint.

MICKLE HALL OF FAME



It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that some great things have been happening in Centenary's Mickle Hall. Faculty and students share the credit for numerous accomplishments, including these recent ones:

$1 MILLION APPROPRIATION

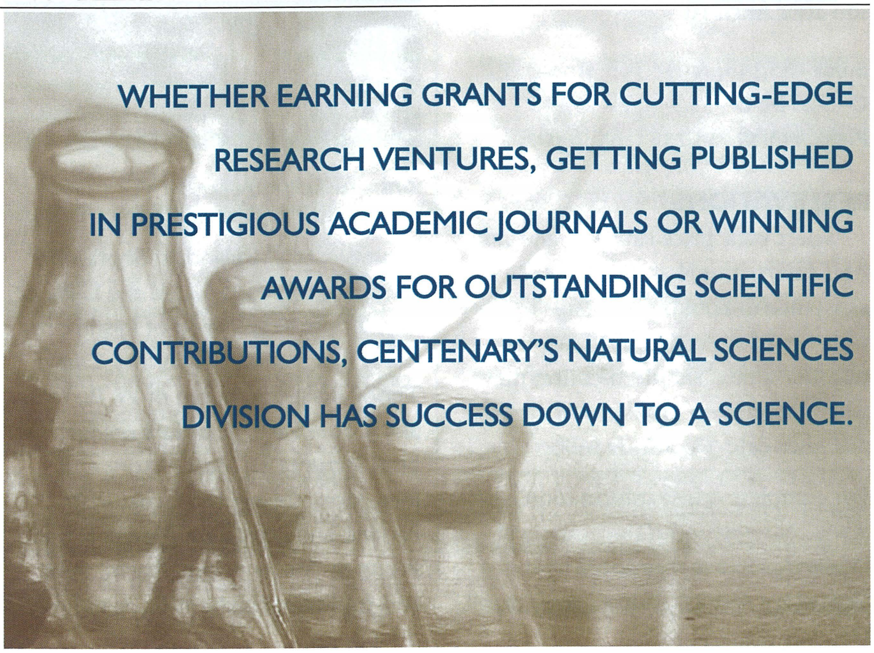
Centenary's science program will receive a major boost with a $1 million Congressional appropriation for technology upgrades. U.S. Rep. Jim McCrery announced the good news in November, lauding Centenary's science programs and mentioning Centenary's unique course, which allows students to combine lecture and laboratory into one class.

The new funding, along with monies from Centenary, will also allow for lab modernization, improved ventilation and software upgrades and additions, leveraging dollars committed in the college's operating budget and annual fund to provide a critical technology platform.

9TH NATIONAL AWARD FOR CHEMISTRY CLUB

Centenary's Chemistry Club earned its ninth national award from the American Chemical Society, which ranks it in the top 10 percent of student affiliate organizations nationally. The club was recognized in November with a commendable citation based on the number and diversity of its activities.

In observance of National Chemistry Week, this past year, students set up demonstrations for local children at Sci-Port Discovery Center, organized a progressive dinner at chemistry profes-



WHETHER EARNING GRANTS FOR CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH VENTURES, GETTING PUBLISHED IN PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC JOURNALS OR WINNING AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS, CENTENARY'S NATURAL SCIENCES DIVISION HAS SUCCESS DOWN TO A SCIENCE.

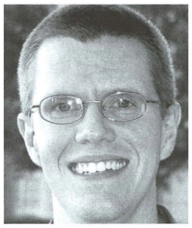
sors' homes and displayed their traditional periodic table of cupcakes—a sweet (and educational) treat for hungry scientists.

FACULTY MEMBERS RECEIVE RESEARCH GRANTS

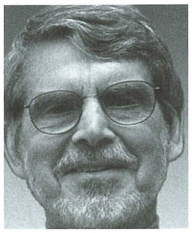
Dr. Cynthia Brame, assistant professor of biology, received research funds totaling $66,920 from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Since the summer of 2004, Dr. Brame and others have worked on a project that involves using a phosphoproteomics approach to determine substrates of yeast casein kinase 1, an essential enzyme that is conserved from yeast to humans. If successful, the project will identify substrates of this enzyme and will validate a method that has the potential to be useful in many areas of biology.

Centenary's newest natural sciences faculty member, **Dr. Joshua Lawrence**, assistant professor of chemistry, was one of 31 faculty members across the United States and Canada to receive the Fall 2005 Cottrell College Science Award. Given by Research Corporation, this award is a grant allotted to faculty at undergraduate institutions for the advancement of science.

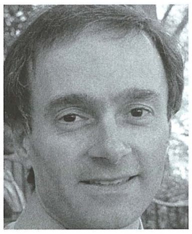


Dr. Lawrence received $40,171 for his research in the trifluoromethylation of aromatic compounds via C-H activation using iron reagents. He plans to use the funds to pay the summer salaries of four student researchers and to purchase new equipment for use in the synthesis of air-sensitive compounds. In addition, an electrochemical workstation will be purchased with a combination of funds from this award and from the Mattie Allen Broyles Inaugural Year Research Chair.



Dr. Ron Martin, Albert Sklar Eminent Scholars chair of chemistry, received $100,000 for "Enhancement of Chemistry with Spectrometry at Centenary College" and **Dr. Tom Ticich**, associate professor of chemistry, received $44,000 for "Building a 21st Century Chemistry Curriculum Through Molecular Modeling and Numerical Analysis" from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

NATURE CHEMICAL BIOLOGY PUBLISHES RODRIGUEZ

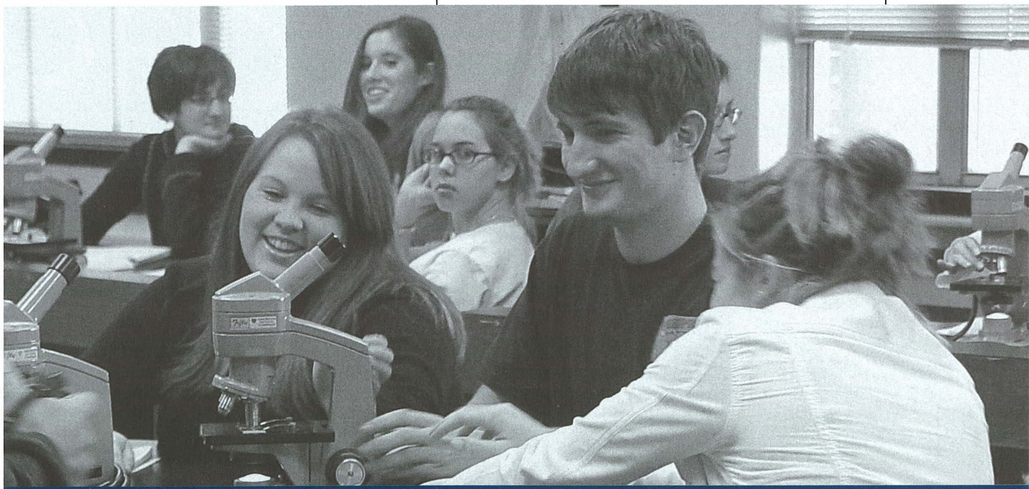


Wortham Chair of Engineering **Dr. Juan Rodriguez** is among researchers whose latest findings may have important implications for dietary guidelines for foods containing nitrite, a common meat preservative.

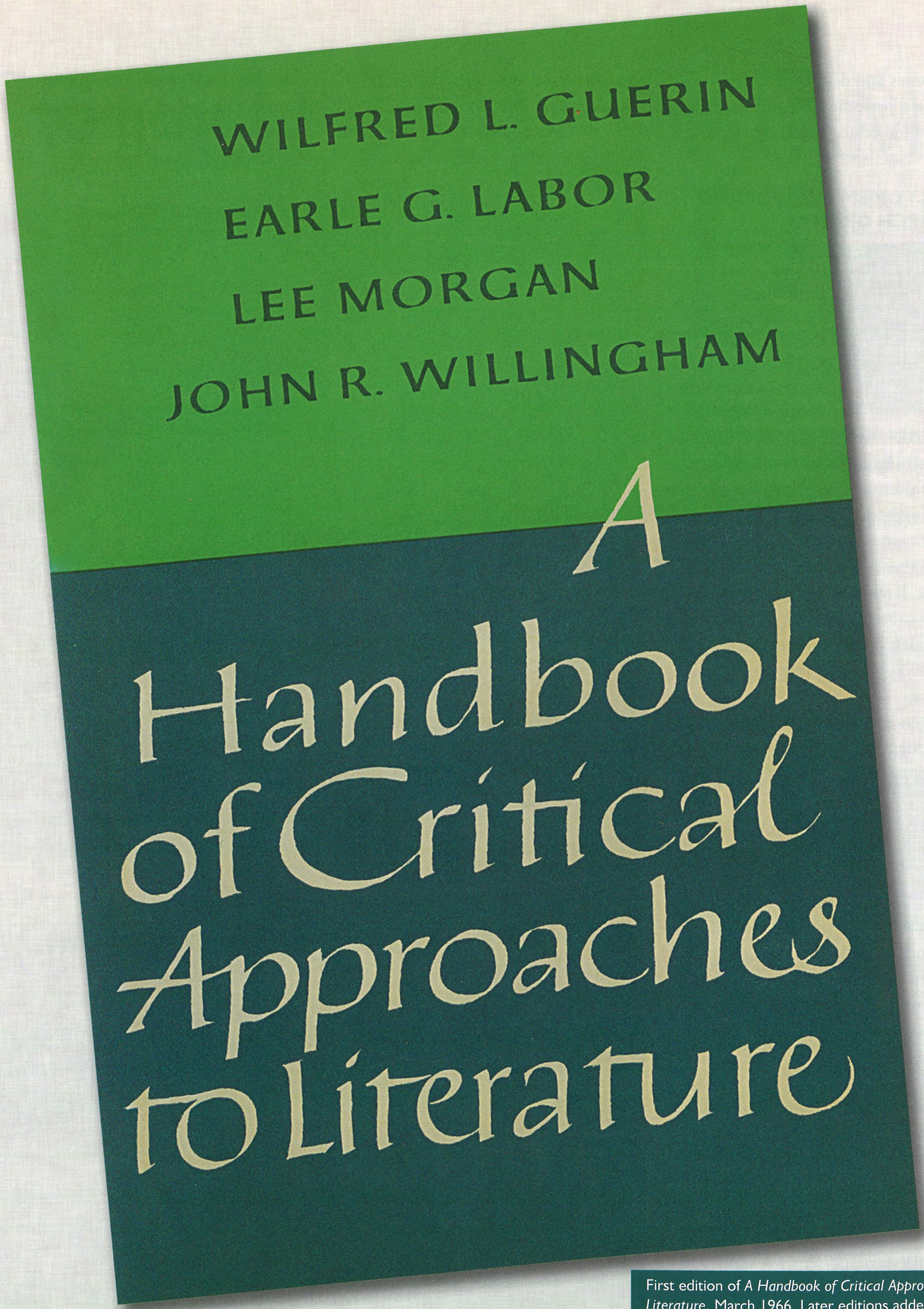
Having had his research published in *Nature Chemical Biology* and other prestigious journals, Dr. Rodriguez is now leading a research project to engineer a new way to trace tissue responses to either nitrite and/or nitric oxide. This engineering project will involve Centenary students and outside researchers and is designed to enhance the quality of biomedical research conducted throughout the state of Louisiana.

PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS TO HONOR BARRETT

Geology professor **Dr. Mary Barrett** will be recognized by the Division of Environmental Geosciences of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists at the AAPG's annual convention in April. Having taught at Centenary since 1992 and made many contributions in the field of geology, Dr. Barrett is the recipient of the DEG Certificate of Merit, which honors outstanding contributions to and meritorious service for the betterment of the Division and its membership. **KJ**



Students participate in Dr. Beth Leuck's unique biology class, which combines lecture and laboratory experiences during each class.



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A Handbook of Critical Approaches to Literature

First edition of *A Handbook of Critical Approaches to Literature*, March 1966. Later editions added a fifth co-author, Dr. Jeanne Campbell Reesman '77.

approaching forty

AS THIS YEAR'S FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION FOCUSES ON THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF *A HANDBOOK OF CRITICAL APPROACHES TO LITERATURE*, SOME PEOPLE ARE ASKING, "SO, WHY ALL THE HUBBUB OVER AN ENGLISH TEXTBOOK?"

Over its 40 years in print, the Centenary-born textbook *A Handbook of Critical Approaches to Literature* has developed an international reputation and has long been considered a classic text in the world of literary criticism.

It's a book that has made its way into the hands of readers across the globe, with translations in a half-dozen languages, including Spanish, Korean, Portuguese, Japanese and Chinese.

It's the first book of its kind, and the only one to outlive all the copycats.

It has been hailed as "The Bible of English Studies" by independent reviewers.

It has been adopted for the classroom by English professors at countless colleges and universities throughout the country, ranging from such large institutions as the University of California-Berkeley and Ohio State University to prestigious liberal arts colleges like Colby and Dickinson.

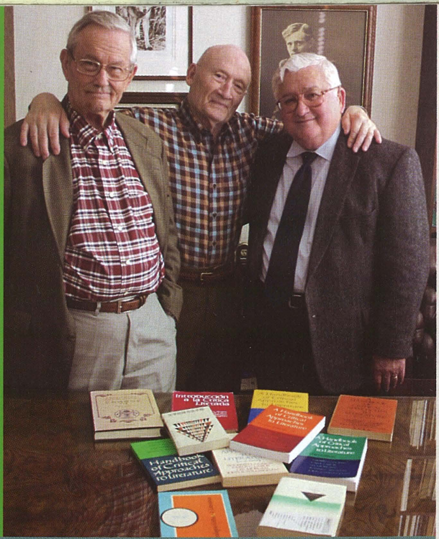
The *Handbook* was the brainchild of four colleagues in Centenary's English Department during the 1960s. **Drs. Wilfred Guerin, Earle Labor, Lee Morgan** and the late **John Willingham** set out to write a comprehensive textbook that, for the first time, would not only explain the basic methods of literary criticism but also illustrate these methods by practical example.

The authors remember the project's genesis, which came largely from classroom experiences with first-year Centenary students. Many students had been taught in high school that literary works ought to be interpreted to have one meaning.

"The idea that a work of literature could open itself up to *numerous* possibilities was exciting to our students and to us," says Dr. Labor. "We thought, 'Look, there ought to be a textbook on this stuff!'"

Quite simply, the *Handbook* examines several works of literature from different critical-interpretive perspectives. The authors chose four selections to analyze: Mark Twain's novel *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn;* Nathaniel Hawthorne's short story "Young Goodman Brown"; Andrew Marvell's poem "To His Coy Mistress"; and William Shakespeare's play *Hamlet.*

Up until the *Handbook's* introduction, critical theories were developed by individual scholars at



At a Glance

Number of Editions: 5

Number of Pages: 424

Number of College/University Adoptions of 5th ed.: 57

Sample Adopting Schools:
Colby College; Dickinson College; Emory University; Fordham University; Marquette University; Ohio State University; University of California-Berkeley; University of Illinois; University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill; United States Air Force Academy

First Published: March 1966

Current Publisher:
Oxford University Press

Authors:
Drs. Wilfred Guerin,
Earle Labor H'90,
Lee Morgan H'96,
Jeanne Campbell Reesman '77
and John Willingham

Foreign Translations:
Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese and Korean

Critical Approaches:
Formalist, traditional, Jungian and Freudian psychological, archetypal/mythological, Marxist, cultural and feminist, and pop cultural

Literary Significance:
First textbook of its kind to serve as a comprehensive guide for the interpretation of literary works; beat all the competition; considered part of the literary criticism canon

various institutions and trickled down from the scholars to their students. A comprehensive textbook had never been published for practical use in the classroom.

Recognizing the need of professors and students, these four Centenary professors set out to create a textbook, its intended use being for high school seniors and young college students beginning a serious study of literature. Through extraordinary collaborative effort, the first edition was born.

"At that point, the idea that it would become an international classic never entered our minds," Dr. Labor admits. "We knew we were doing a good thing. We knew we were plowing new ground. But, not one of us envisioned the kind of success this book has had."

> "The *Handbook* epitomizes that very special quality found at Centenary that one can't find elsewhere."
>
> —DR. EARLE LABOR H'90
> CO-AUTHOR

TIMES CHANGE… AND SO CHANGES THE *HANDBOOK*

Since the first edition hit the shelves in March 1966, the textbook's spine has grown noticeably thicker with each edition as more content has expanded the page count. It has swelled from an original 231 pages to the fifth edition's whopping 424 in order to absorb groundbreaking contemporary methods of literary criticism.

Centenary alumnus **Dr. Jeanne Campbell Reesman '77**, the *Handbook's* fifth author, is the main contributor of such new methods as feminism, cultural studies and popular culture.

"I joined the *HCAL* team nearly 15 years ago for the third edition in 1992," Dr. Reesman says. "Being part of this deservedly classic textbook has been one of the most meaningful aspects of my career as a scholar and teacher. Not only did I get to contribute to the book… but I got to work with beloved teachers from my days at Centenary."

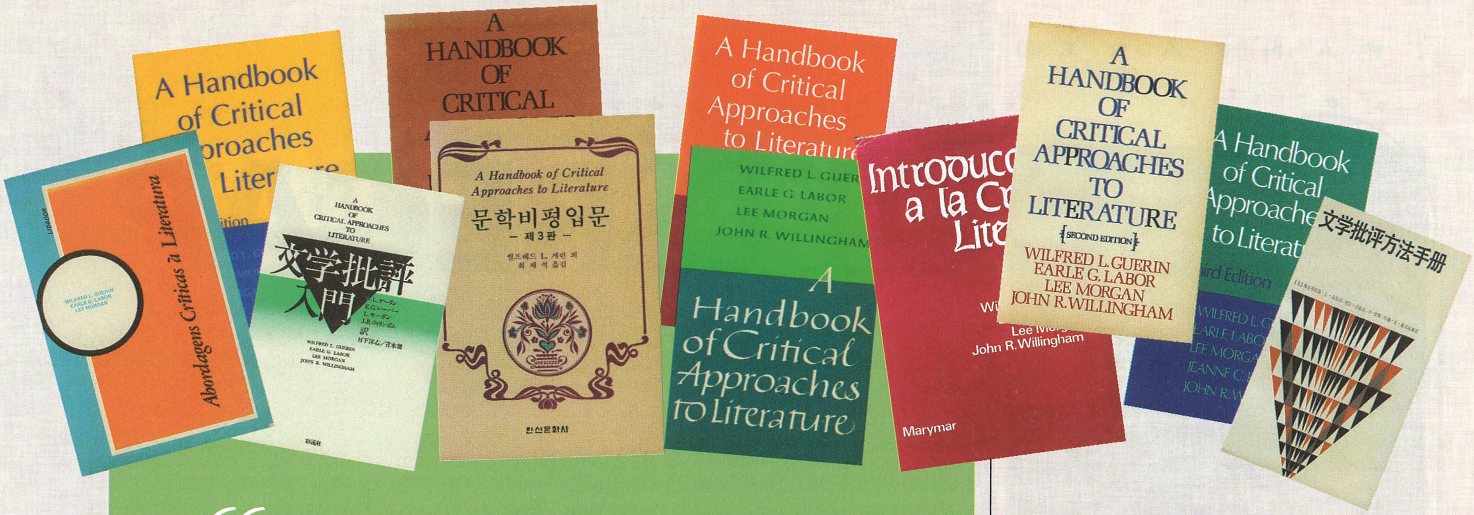
Dr. Reesman teaches English at the University of Texas in San Antonio and joined the *Handbook* team at the request of the original four authors, who had recently been criticized by a colleague who charged them with "white, male bias."

"We thought, 'Well, we need a woman here,'" reflects Dr. Labor. "And of course Jeanne Reesman is one of our own brightest graduates, and she's made quite a name for herself in the field of American literature aside from working with us on this text."

In addition to bringing Dr. Reesman on board, the authors added Alice Walker's short story "Everyday Use" and Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* to supplement the original four works of literature.

Through the analysis of these literary works, the book introduces readers to distinct approaches of literary criticism. Readers learn a number of interpretive techniques, ranging from historical/biographical and moral/philosophical approaches to formalist, psychological, mythic and archetypal perspectives. Contemporary techniques are also covered in depth, including feminist criticism, poststructuralism, reader-response criticism and gender and cultural studies.

Although the authors first expected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> “The fact that this book has come from a small, liberal arts college in the South, not from the Ivy League or the West Coast or the Big 10, makes it unique.”
>
> —DR. LEE MORGAN H’96, CO-AUTHOR

the book to be used in lower-division undergraduate and accelerated senior high school classrooms, it soon encompassed upper-division undergraduate curricula and even graduate-level studies.

“I don’t think we recognized its potential,” Dr. Morgan concedes. “But, I must say, in retrospect, I’m just as proud as punch over it.”

It seems no one realized how significant and successful the *Handbook* would turn out to be. Certainly, no one expected that a friend of Dr. Labor’s, while vacationing in Hong Kong only a short time ago, would step on a double-decker bus and see a Chinese man reading a copy of the *Handbook*.

Despite everyone’s underestimations 40 years ago, there’s no doubt that the *Handbook* will continue to stand as a luminous testament to the power of collaborative effort at Centenary.

“We were a little community of scholars, bringing different views from different graduate schools, and even to some extent different cultural and philosophical points of view,” Dr. Guerin reflects. “But we all loved literature, we loved teaching it and we loved interacting with each other and with our students. From that environment came 40 years of the *Handbook* and some 50 years of friendships.” ❧ **KJ**

> “I am proud whenever I see the book in a pair of student’s hands. There are just not many books—if any—that can continue over 40 years and remain current with the times, a perennial best-seller.”
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> —DR. JEANNE CAMPBELL REESMAN ’77
> CO-AUTHOR

The Buzz

Two English Majors

“When I became a student at Centenary, *HCAL* opened for me a brand new way of understanding literature. As a teacher, every time I introduce critical theory to my own undergraduates, I am consciously aware of *HCAL’s* influence not only upon my own life but, also, upon the lives of thousands of students who share in its legacy.”

—ALLISON MARTIN ’95, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF LIBERAL ARTS AT BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN BOSSIER CITY, LA

“The *Handbook* encapsulates and embodies so well the values of the liberal arts tradition on which Centenary is founded.”

—JOHN HARDT ’74, DEAN OF THE FACULTY AND VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AT BREVARD COLLEGE IN NORTH CAROLINA

A Pre-Engineering Major

“All college textbooks attempt to convey information. Some do so in such a compelling fashion that the material is highly memorable. The *Handbook* is such a book. But the *Handbook* performed an even higher service for me as a young student. It not only stimulated me to think, but it also showed me *how* to think.”

—JOHN WIGGIN ’76, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, TRC COMPANIES, INC.

A French Major

“*HCAL* certainly influenced my academic development. It eased my transition into college English and has, I am sure, done the same for many others.”

—JENNIFER GIPSON ’02, PURSUING HER PH.D. AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

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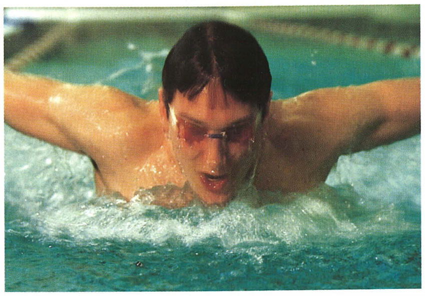


Swim Team Sets Records

Centenary's men's and women's swimming teams competed in the Arkansas-Little Rock Christmas Invitational in the fall, setting two school records while collecting 20 top-ten finishes. Freshman **Leslie Clampitt** of Dallas, Texas, set the Ladies record in the 50-yard freestyle at 25.07 and was part of the 200-yard freestyle relay team, which included **Alana Gregory** of Flower Mound, Texas; **Melanie Zimmerman** of Round Rock, Texas; and **Lori Von Pingel** of Birmingham, Ala. They set the Centenary record at 1:43.29.

Cross Country Runners Pick Up Their Heels

At the Mid-Con Cross Country Championships in Valparaiso, Ind., Centenary placed seventh (men) and ninth (women) while participating in its third league championship. Centenary long distance runners **Michael Haydel** of Bossier City, La., and **Lori Von Pingel** of Birmingham, Ala., have been named Mid-Continent Conference Cross Country Athletes of the Week by the league office. The pair of runners led their respective teams at the Northwestern State All-Comers meet. It is the first award of its kind for either individual and is the first for the Centenary programs since joining the Mid-Con in the fall of 2003. Haydel was also named to the Louisiana Sports Writers Association All-Louisiana first team for cross country.

Rookie Ladies Golfer Earns Mid-Con Award

Centenary Ladies golfer **Jessica Garza** of McKinney, Texas, earned her first Mid-Continent Conference Golfer of the Week award after a strong showing at the Arkansas State Lady Indian Classic. The first-year student shot rounds of 77 and 80 for a 157, good enough to tie for 18th place, just 10 strokes behind the leader. Garza has been the top performer for the Ladies in two of the three tournaments in which Centenary has participated, including a No. 1 finish in her first-ever collegiate tournament.

Mid-Con Recognizes Volleyball Players

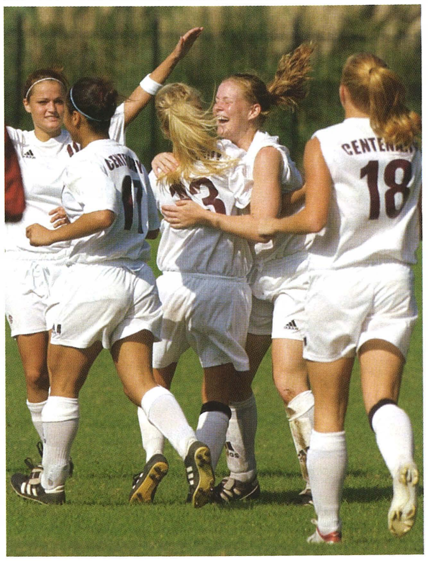
Two first-year students were honored as Mid-Con players of the week for their volleyball play. **Danielle Bochat** of Boerne, Texas, received an Offensive Player of the Week award, and **Liliana Williams** of Heath, Texas, was named a Defensive Player of the Week.

Series of Successes for Centenary Soccer

Centenary Ladies goalkeeper **Ali Hilsher** was named first team All-Louisiana by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association. Hilsher, a sophomore from Tulsa, Okla., set the single season record with 142 saves and ranked fourth in the nation in saves per game with a 9.47 average. Along with setting the season saves record, Hilsher also set, and subsequently broke, the school record for saves in a game. She was named Mid-Continent Conference Defensive Player of the Week twice for her efforts.

Centenary's **Lauren Mills**, a junior from Austin, Texas, was selected second-team All-Mid-Continent Conference in women's soccer, as voted by the head coaches of participating institutions. Mills provided a strong defensive presence for the Ladies, anchoring a backfield that helped provide four shutouts for the season.

The Gents' midfielder **Aaron Volanksi**, a transfer student from the University of Memphis, was selected second-team All-Mid-Continent Conference and was named Mid-Con Offensive Player of the Week earlier in the season. With the 2005 season completed, Volanski will lead a young 2006 Gents squad that returns eight starters. **KJ**



SPRING GAMES 2006

For more information on Centenary Athletics, visit **www.gocentenary.com.**

SOFTBALL

3/3	Northwestern State (Fayetteville, AR)	9:30a
3/4	Jacksonville State (Fayetteville, AR)	9:30a
3/5	Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)	2p
3/8	**Louisiana Tech (Shreveport)**	**6p**
3/10	Kennesaw State (Birmingham, AL)	1p
3/10	UTEP (Birmingham, AL)	3p
3/11	Alcorn State (Birmingham, AL)	9a
3/11	Birmingham-Southern (Birmingham, AL)	3p
3/15	Louisiana-Monroe (Monroe, LA)	5p
3/16	**Stephen F. Austin (Shreveport)**	**5p**
3/24	UMKC (Kansas City, MO)	5p
3/25	UMKC (Kansas City, MO)	1p
3/29	LSU (Baton Rouge, LA)	6p
3/3	**IUPUI (Shreveport)**	**4p**
4/1	**IUPUI (Shreveport)**	**11a**
4/5	Northwestern State (Natchitoches, LA)	6p
4/7	Southern Utah (Cedar City, UT)	1p
4/8	Southern Utah (Cedar City, UT)	noon
4/12	Grambling (Grambling, LA)	3p
4/14	**Oakland University (Shreveport)**	**4p**
4/15	**Oakland University (Shreveport)**	**11a**
4/17	Southeastern LA (Hammond, LA)	2p
4/19	**Northwestern State (Shreveport)**	**6p**
4/21	Valparaiso (Valparaiso, IN)	2p
4/22	Valparaiso (Valparaiso, IN)	noon
4/25	Louisiana Tech (Ruston, LA)	6p
5/5	**Western Illinois (Shreveport)**	**4p**
5/6	**Western Illinois (Shreveport)**	**2:30p**

BASEBALL

3/10	Oklahoma (Norman, OK)	7p
3/11	Oklahoma (Norman, OK)	3p
3/12	Oklahoma (Norman, OK)	1p
3/17	**Alcorn State (Shreveport)**	**6p**
3/18	**Alcorn State (Shreveport)**	**noon & 3p**
3/21	Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)	5p
3/22	Arkansas (Fayetteville, AR)	3p
3/24	**North Dakota State (Shreveport)**	**6p**
3/25	**North Dakota State (Shreveport)**	**noon & 3p**
3/31	Texas A&M (Corpus Christi, TX)	4p
4/1	Texas A&M (Corpus Christi, TX)	2p
4/2	Texas A&M (Corpus Christi, TX)	noon
4/8-9	**Western Illinois (Shreveport)**	**noon & 3p**
4/14-15	Southern Utah (Cedar City, UT)	noon & 3p
4/18	**Sam Houston State (Shreveport)**	**6:30p**
4/22-23	**Oral Roberts (Shreveport)**	**noon & 3p**
4/29-30	Chicago State (Chicago, IL)	noon & 3p
5/6	**Valparaiso (Shreveport)**	**2 & 5p**
5/7	**Valparaiso (Shreveport)**	**noon & 3p**
5/13-14	Oakland (Rochester, MI)	noon & 3p

TENNIS

3/11	**Gents & Ladies: Grambling (Shreveport)**	**2p**
3/16	Ladies: Stephen F. Austin (Nacogdoches, TX)	2p
3/18	Ladies: Texas-Arlington (Arlington, TX)	2p
3/20	Gents & Ladies: Alcorn (Lorman, MS)	2p
3/22	Ladies: Louisiana-Monroe (Monroe, LA)	2p
3/24	Gents & Ladies: LeTourneau (Longview, TX)	2p
3/25	Ladies: Louisiana Tech (Ruston, LA)	3p
3/29	**Gents: Southeastern LA (Shreveport)**	**2p**
4/1	Gents & Ladies: Prairie View A&M (Ruston, LA)	2p
4/3	Gents & Ladies: Grambling (Grambling, LA)	2p
4/7	Gents: IUPUI (Tulsa, OK)	9a
4/7	**Ladies: Chicago State (Shreveport)**	**9a**
4/7	**Ladies: Valparaiso (Shreveport)**	**2p**
4/8	**Ladies: Oakland (Shreveport)**	**1p**
4/8	Gents: Oral Roberts (Tulsa, OK)	1p
4/9	**Ladies: Oral Roberts (Shreveport)**	**9a**
4/9	**Ladies: Western Illinois (Shreveport)**	**2p**
4/13	Gents: Valparaiso (Valparaiso, IN)	9a
4/13	Gents: UMKC (Valparaiso, IN)	2p
4/14	Gents: Western Illinois (Valparaiso, IN)	9a
4/14	Gents: Chicago State (Valparaiso, IN)	2p
4/21	Gents: Mid-Con Championships (Tulsa, OK)	TBA
4/21	Ladies: Southern Utah (Chicago, IL)	1p
4/22	Ladies: at UMKC (Chicago, IL)	9a4/22
	Gents: Mid-Con Championships (Tulsa, OK)	TBA
4/23	Ladies: IUPUI (Chicago, IL)	1p
4/28-29	Ladies: Mid-Con Championships (Valparaiso, IN)	

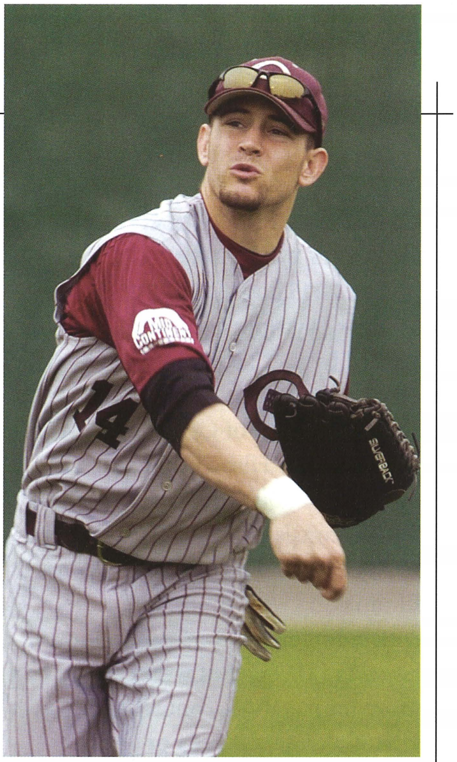
GYMNASTICS

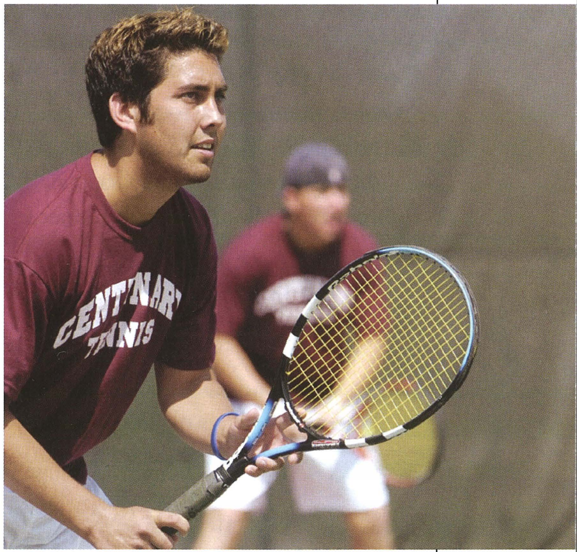
3/3	Missouri (Columbia, MO)	7p
3/5	Southeast Missouri (Cape Girardeau, MO)	2p
3/10	Oklahoma (Norman, OK)	7p
3/12	**Texas Woman's University (Shreveport)**	**2p**
3/22	**Texas-Arlington (Shreveport)**	**4p**
3/25	Midwest Championships (Cape Girardeau, MO)	2 PM
4/13	USAG Nationals (Ithaca, NY)	TBA

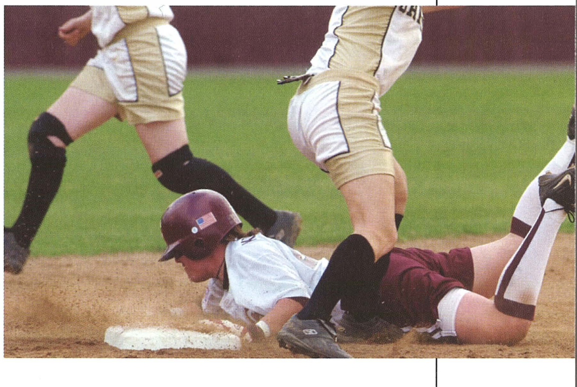
GOLF

3/6	Ladies: South Alabama Invitational (Mobile, AL)
3/19	Gents: SFA Invitational (Nacogdoches, TX)
3/20	Ladies: Samford Intercollegiate (Birmingham, AL)
4/2	**Gents: Hal Sutton Intercollegiate (S'port)**
4/3	Ladies: Texas State Invitational (San Marcos, TX)
4/24	Gents & Ladies: Mid-Con Championships (Indianapolis, IN)

■ **Home Events**







upcoming events '06

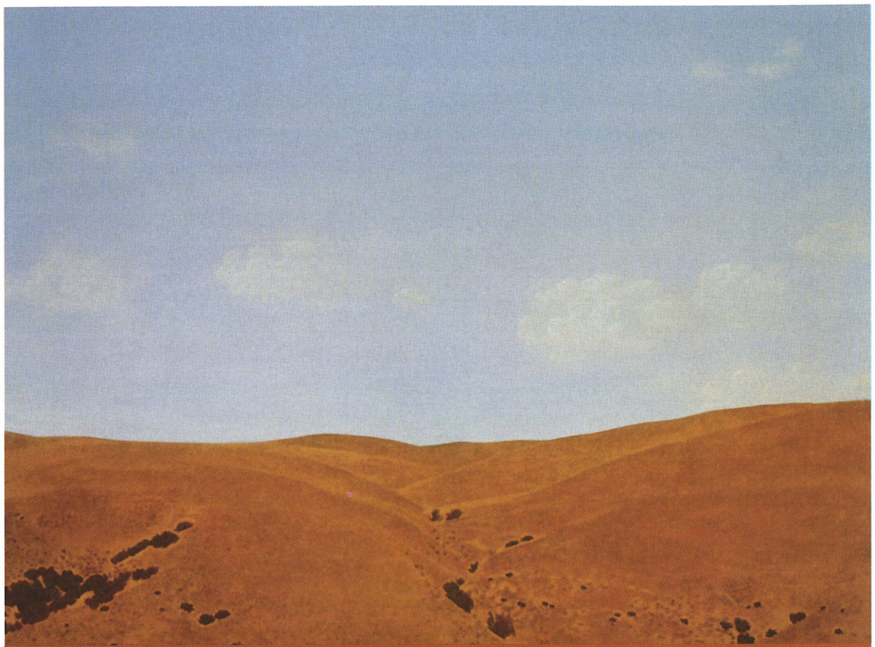
Louisiana Film Festival Returns to Centenary

The 2006 Louisiana Film Festival Student Division, a showcase of films created by K–12 students, will be held on campus March 31 and April 1. A co-presentation of Centenary College, the Robinson Film Center and Louisiana Public Broadcasting, the festival consists of two days of screenings, question-and-answer sessions, filmmaking workshops and more, concluding in an awards ceremony honoring the festival winners. For more information, contact Michelle Glaros at 318.869.5264 or mglaros@centenary.edu.

Centenary Hosts "Governing Bodies" Gender Studies Conference

Centenary will host the Associated Colleges of the South's seventh biennial Women's and Gender Studies Conference the weekend of March 24–25. This year's conference will focus on how bodies are imbued with various gender and sexual meanings across cultures and time periods, how these meanings are learned and policed, and how they influence individuals, social institutions and the state.

Human rights activist **Elizabeth Birch** will be the keynote speaker, and the Cajun band, the Magnolia Sisters, will entertain at a traditional Louisiana crawfish boil. For more information, contact conference coordinator Dr. Michelle Wolkomir at 318.869.5054 or mwolkomi@centenary.edu.



Meg Harders, *Chesebro*, 2001, acrylic on wood, 14″x18″x1′ from *Meg Harders: Landscapes*

On Exhibit at Meadows Museum of Art

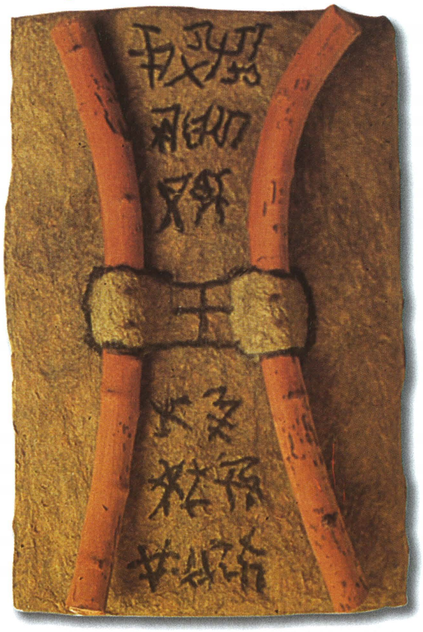
American Standard: Works by Contemporary North American Artists explores modern issues of standards and expectations in American life. A variety of media will be on display through April 23, including sculpture, painting, photography and printmaking.

Northwest Louisiana Artists' Triennial Competition will run through May 28. This is a special exhibition featuring regional artists with competition juried by Los Angeles artist Meg Harders and North Carolina artist and gallery director Connie Bostic.

Meg Harders: Landscapes will be exhibited in the upstairs gallery through March 26. Harders, a painter from Los Angeles, explains her artistic method: "I search for views that stir powerful emotions in me—the type of memories that stop your heart."

For more information, call the museum at 318.869.5169.

Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, noon–4 p.m.; Thursdays, noon–5 p.m.; Saturdays & Sundays, 1–4 p.m. Closed on Mondays & holidays.



Clyde Connell, *Small Wall*, 1993, mixed media

Marjorie Lyons Playhouse Gets Creative

A Scratchpad Festival will be held at Marjorie Lyons the week of April 3. With plays solicited from all over the country, novice playwrights will have the opportunity to win a $1,000 prize and the winner will likely be invited to showcase his or her play during the next MLP season. The festival is directed by Jeff Kallenberg with a panel of judges comprised of Centenary faculty, students and community members. The winner will be announced April 14.

Boy Gets Girl, an all-Centenary student show, written by Rebecca Gilman; directed by Charity Schubert; lighting design by Courtney Gaston; scenic design by Brigitte Bechtel; and stage managed by Vanna Richardson. For more information call the box office at 318.869.5242.

Performances: Thursday–Saturday, March 30–April 1 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m.; & Thursday–Saturday, April 6–8 at 8 p.m.

Center for Theological Studies Offers Course on John Wesley and Methodism in May

The Center for Theological Studies held its first 10-day intensive course in May 2005.

The Center for Theological Studies at Centenary College, an ecumenical research and ministry institute designed to enhance theological education in Northwest Louisiana, will offer a 10-day intensive course called "John Wesley and 19th Century Methodism" May 18–30 in conjunction with Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. This course will examine the foundational contribution of John Wesley to the history, doctrine and polity of Methodism. For more information, contact the Rev. Don Meeks at 318.869.5024 or dmeeks@centenary.edu, or visit **www.theologicalcenter.org.**

Honors, Research, Commencement in April & May

April and May are full of milestone events at Centenary. Mark your calendars for:

Thursday, April 20, 5 p.m., Brown Chapel. ***Honors Convocation,*** recognizing outstanding students for the year; reception follows.

Friday, April 21, all day, Mickle Hall and Kilpatrick Auditorium. ***Students present major research projects.***

Saturday, May 6, 10:30 a.m., Gold Dome. ***Baccalaureate and commencement.*** Speaker: Dr. Norman Francis, President, Xavier University.

Sundry Melodies at Hurley School of Music

Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Faculty Recital: Adrienne Gabriel, viola, and Cathy DeRousse, piano

Thursday, March 16 at 8 p.m.
Percussion Ensemble

Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m.
Sigma Alpha Iota Lagniappe Concert featuring the talent of Centenary faculty members

Sunday, March 26 at 8 p.m.
Camerata

Tuesday, April 4 at 8 p.m.
Cantare/Chorale

Thursday, April 6 at 8 p.m.
Wind Ensemble

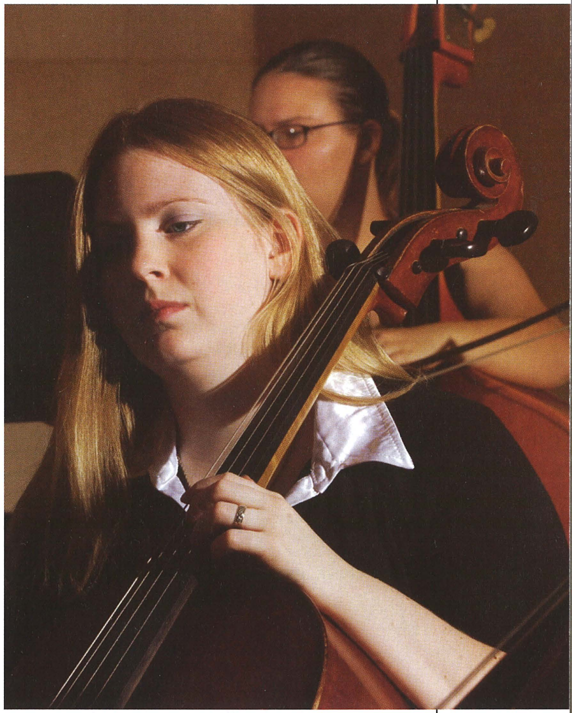
Monday, April 10 at 8 p.m.
Hurley Orchestra

Friday, April 21 at 8 p.m.
Kollege Kapers

Saturday, April 22 at 2 p.m.
Kollege Kapers

Tuesday, April 25 at 8 p.m.
Camerata, Cantare and Chorale

Concerts are free and open to the public and are held in the Anderson Auditorium of the Hurley School of Music Building.



SHELTER from the storms

Centenary responds to Hurricanes Katrina & Rita

To much of the country and world, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita are a distant memory, but to the residents of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast their names and memories are as indelible—or more so—than those evoked by "September 11" or "Oklahoma City."

The devastation was as sudden and unexpected as any terrorist act and the aftershocks continue months after the winds came ashore and the levees began to crumble last August and September. Into every aspect of Louisiana life, Katrina-Rita continues to creep, as evacuee, recovery and rebuilding issues spread ripple effects through families, communities and governments.

Situated in the northwest corner of Louisiana, Centenary College of Louisiana physically escaped Katrina and mostly escaped Rita without much physical damage. Not so lucky were the many at Centenary whose families lost their homes and livelihoods and those who sought shelter on the campus and in the homes of the extended Centenary family. Not so fortunate were the complete strangers, many of whom would be helped by representatives of Centenary and other heroes of the storms.

The stories are of tragedy and sadness, surrounded by tales of incredible bravery and fortitude that lasted far beyond the first week when New Orleans kept the nation spellbound with the unfolding of the worst natural disaster to ever strike an American city.

Every member of the Centenary student body, faculty and staff has been touched in some way by the stories of Katrina and Rita.

Centenary student Carrie Weber took this photo while spending her fall break assisting in hurricane relief efforts in Slidell, La.

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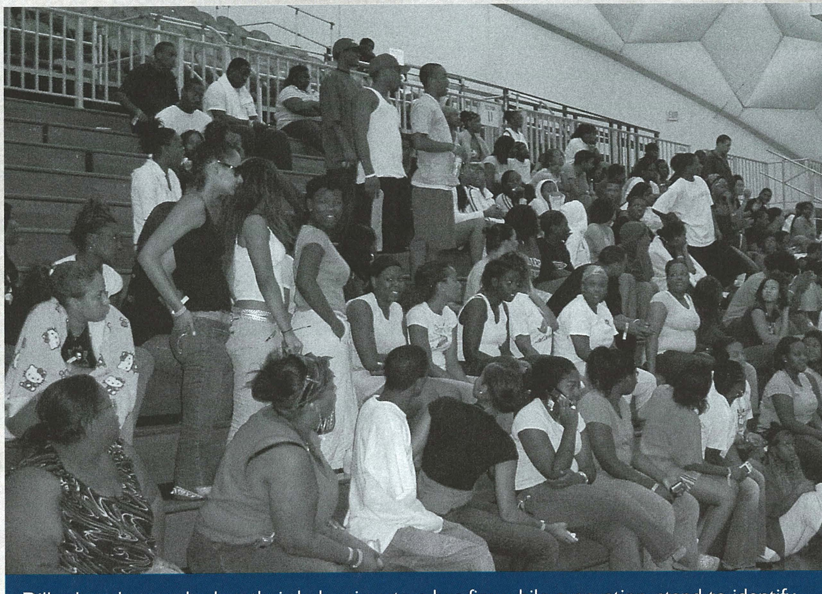
“Little did anyone expect. . .”

a day-by-day accounting

This past August in the rolling hills of North Louisiana, Centenary College joined the local community in preparing for what was believed to be yet another brief visit by South Louisianans escaping a hurricane. These temporary visitors, as they do a few times each year, would weather the storm for a day or two and then return to their lives and livelihoods. Little did anyone expect that “normal” might not return to Louisiana for years or that evacuees would spend weeks and months away from their homes, if indeed they had homes still habitable.

On Aug. 27, 2005, no one, in their wildest dreams, imagined the devastation and the ensuing urban horror that followed the winds and waters of Hurricane Katrina, which blew ashore near New Orleans. The local story is a tiny part of the larger picture drawn by Katrina and—less than a month later—by Hurricane Rita that has changed Louisiana’s entire coast—from Texas to Mississippi. Millions were affected, including at least 30 percent of the Centenary student body who were from coastal areas of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.

For the campus community—and for the early evacuees—the story begins with word that Dillard University student-evacuees are headed our way.



Dillard students, who lost their belongings to a bus fire while evacuating, stand to identify themselves during a meeting Aug. 27, 2005 in the Centenary Gold Dome.

Hurricane Katrina

Saturday, Aug. 27

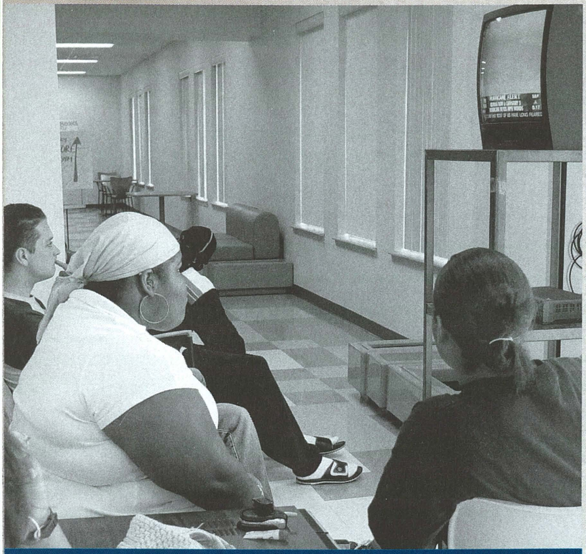
Dillard student evacuees on their way

“It looks like the storm is headed toward New Orleans and the Dillard students are on their way.” That’s the word from Dean of Student Life Lori Bradshaw. Local news reports show that the storm named Katrina is growing toward a Category 4, its monster path spread out over the Gulf of Mexico from central South Louisiana to Florida. The Dillard students, maybe five busloads this time, should arrive around midnight. The word isn’t all that surprising. Dillard students have already evacuated to the Centenary campus twice in the last year, only to return to an unscathed campus within a couple of days. Student life and public safety officials wait at the Gold Dome and Fitness Center all night long to greet and attend to the evacuees. KTBS-TV in Shreveport sets up a live broadcast for the following morning at 6:30 a.m. in the Gold Dome.

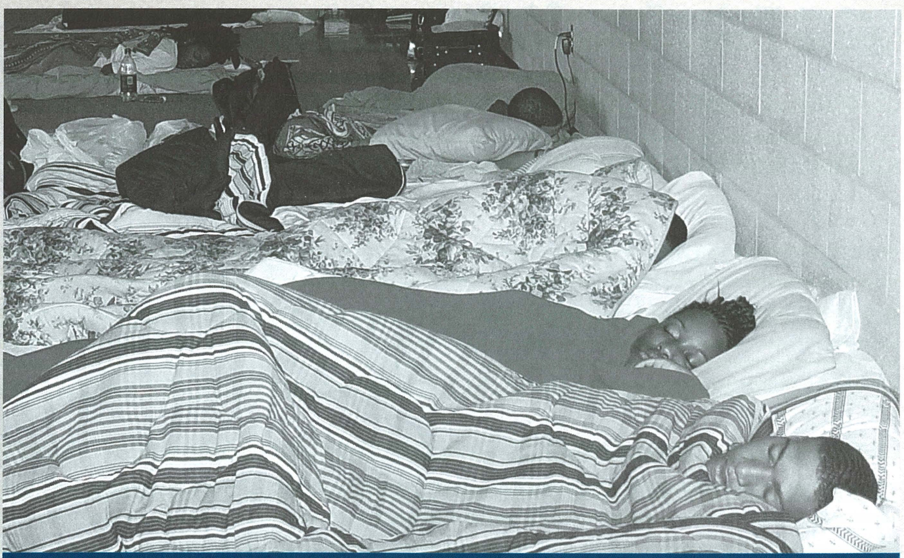
Sunday, Aug. 28

Evacuees arrive, some lose belongings as bus burns

As Public Relations Director Lynn Stewart arrives at the Gold Dome for the early morning newscast, the Dillard students are mostly milling about, still arranging bedding, pillows and belongings after arriving about an hour earlier. They had arrived some 12 hours after leaving New Orleans, a drive which in normal times would have taken five to six hours. The Dillard students in the Gold Dome represent



In Centenary's Fitness Center, Dillard University and Centenary students watch news coverage of the arrival of Hurricane Katrina.



Dillard students camp out in Haynes Gymnasium of the Centenary Fitness Center on Aug. 290. Evacuees from Dillard remained on the Centenary campus for several days before relocating to more permanent housing.

about half of some 235 Dillard evacuees at Centenary, with the other half settling in at the Fitness Center. The news crew tells Stewart that one of the buses traveling in the Dillard caravan caught on fire and burned to the ground near Baton Rouge, destroying what little the students on that bus had brought with them. A Dillard student, Tahirah Rasheed of Oakland, Calif., who is traveling on another bus, has even videotaped the burning bus. The news crew gets film of her video. The cameraman also notes that the storm has increased to a Category 5, the strongest and most deadly ranking of all, and is expected to hit land in about 24 hours. Stewart learns that Centenary students and staff awaiting the buses' arrival had been alerted by cell phone about the fire. Director of Public Safety Zeke Aull, Bradshaw and others had spent the wee hours of the morning gathering supplies for those who had been aboard the burned bus: pillows from Wal-Mart Bossier City, toiletries from the Sheriff's Department, blankets from Willis-Knighton Medical Center and LSU Health Sciences Center, places with people on duty all night.

News crews from other stations begin to arrive and before local church services are out, the word has spread about the 37 Dillard University students who lost their belongings on the way to Shreveport. Calls offering help begin to pour in, even as cars begin arriving at the Gold Dome with clothing, bedding, bottled water, food and toiletries. The offices of the Centenary Chaplain (Rev. Betsy Eaves) and Church Relations (Mimi McDowell) coordinate and organize a room filled with the donations. The community response is prompt and heartwarming. Chaplain Eaves's call to Centenary students for help receiving the donations is met with instant response as student volunteers turn out in force.

Little does anyone know that the needs that day are just the tip of the iceberg.

As the Dillard students plug in their cell phones, send emails to their families from their own laptops or library computers, and settle in for the duration, news reports tell of local hotels beginning to fill to capacity and public shelters getting packed. Gas stations are reporting lines.

Some churches invite the Dillard evacuees to evening services. Stewart posts the first of daily updates on the college's web site.

Monday, Aug. 29

Katrina 'sideswipes' New Orleans, 'bullet dodged' supposedly

In the morning, students, faculty and staff gather around televisions as Hurricane Katrina roars ashore. Soon it appears to sideswipe the bowl-shaped City of New Orleans and veer slightly to the east. New Orleanians are relieved even as they express concern for neighboring areas toward Mississippi, which bear the brunt of the winds. The word is that the Crescent City has once again dodged the bullet.

Local shelters report they are nearing capacity and some stations are running out of gas. Activities are planned at Centenary and elsewhere for those displaced by the storm.

Because communications are knocked out in coastal areas and Centenary has web postings, the Centenary News Services and others begin to field non-stop telephone calls from national news media as well as

Dillard parents, alumni, staff and friends. Before the week is out they will have spoken with *Good Morning America, the New York Times, Newsweek, Los Angeles Times, Reuters,* the *Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Education* and numerous others.

Tuesday, Aug. 30

Levees begin to fail, bowl starts to fill

State residents awaken to news that the New Orleans levees are failing and the bowl that is New Orleans begins to fill. Though Hurricane Katrina's damage is widespread throughout southeastern Louisiana and along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, much of the news begins to focus on New Orleans, whose underwater demise has been predicted for years "if a hurricane ever hits just right."

The Rev. Don Meeks of Centenary's Center for Theological Studies begins offering crisis and grief counseling at the Red Cross Shelter at LSUS.

Wednesday, Aug. 31

No quick trip home for evacuees or students

By day's end, it is determined that the Dillard students won't be returning to their campus within a few days. Centenary establishes an account for contributions to Dillard and works with their officials to help their students return to their homes. They expect to hear news of restarting fall semester classes within a couple of weeks.

Students, faculty and staff begin volunteer work at Red Cross shelters located at LSUS and Hirsch Coliseum.

A series of Hurricane Katrina web pages is posted on Centenary's web site. They give updates on displaced students and alumni, relate storm stories and list volunteer and contribution opportunities.

Alumnus and professional golfer Hal Sutton '81 and wife Ashley begin visits to local shelters and purchase supplies for shelter residents.

Centenary alumna Jessica Stewart '01, a staff assistant for Congressman Jim McCrery, emails the alumni office to offer assistance.

Thursday, Sept. 1

30% of Centenary students are from affected areas

As the magnitude of the devastation and needs of the victims continues to grow, Centenary works to help its own students from the affected areas, an estimated 30 percent of the student body. Some students are unable to contact their parents or other loved ones. A fund is established for affected Centenary students.

A Centenary bus heads north through the Midwest to Chicago, dropping off displaced Dillard students with friends and relatives along the way.

Lake Bethlehem Baptist Church sends buses to Atlanta, Dallas and Houston, and purchases plane tickets for other Dillard students going home.

A motion picture scouting team, displaced from New Orleans, tours campus for possible locations. They mark the first of a half-dozen such visits by television and motion picture crews relocating their productions to North Louisiana.

Last year's commencement speaker and previous Attaway Fellow Mark Fischetti makes a number of media appearances due to his 2001 *Scientific American* article predicting a New Orleans disaster and describing how to prevent it. He appears on CNN's *Lou Dobbs* and NBC's *Meet the Press* and writes an op-ed piece for the Sept. 2 *New York Times.*

Friday, Sept. 2

Everyone pitches in; volunteers turn out in force

The Chaplain's Office coordinates a donation drive to purchase supplies for hurricane victims.

Students, faculty and staff walk three blocks from campus to KTBS-TV where they help receive relief supplies and then travel with trucks to unload them to storage containers.

The Centenary Book Bazaar announces that it will accept canned goods for the Food Bank and donations for the Red Cross at its annual event the following weekend.

Alumnus Patrick Fertitta coordinates a phone bank locally called "Share Your Home."

Due to a large number of inquiries, Centenary extends its fall enrollment period until Tuesday, Sept. 6, to accommodate students displaced from several New Orleans campuses.

Rumors are quashed about a group of Dillard students that reportedly had been trying to weather the storm in New Orleans and were unable to be rescued. It is reported that a Dillard staff member and some 50 students waded through flood waters, were picked up on an Interstate highway overpass and were safe at the Houston Astrodome.

Centenary student volunteers assist with donated supplies at a collection outlet.

Three Austrian medical students, displaced from New Orleans to LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, make their way to Chaplain Eaves's office. They end up spending the Labor Day weekend at the home of Kelsey '05 and DeAndre Johnson '04 before finding housing with the help of John Wesley White '98 and wife Serena. The Johnsons and Whites collect furniture, linens and kitchen appliances for the students with the help of Lue Hamrick of the Chaplain's Office and donations from Kings Highway Christian Church.

Saturday, Sept. 3

College posts Dillard's first web announcement

On behalf of Dillard University, Centenary posts on its web site Dillard President Marvalene Hughes's first statement about Dillard's status and distributes it widely to news media.

Dr. Vicki LeFevers, professor of health and exercise science, coordinates a group of volunteers helping to unload relief supplies at a Salvation Army receiving location on Jewella Avenue.

Centenary students put together health kits and flood buckets at the Religious Life Center to send to hurricane victims.

A portion of the proceeds from the Border Blast high school football event, coordinated by Centenary alumnus Michael Finnegan '92, is dedicated to the Centenary fund. President Ken Schwab, Chaplain Eaves and Centenary student Carrie Weber and her evacuee mother Heidi Weber of Slidell, La., appear briefly on Fox Sports Net during the game.

Sunday, Sept. 4

All Dillard evacuees find more permanent locations

All of the Dillard evacuees are relocated to family or housed with alumni or friends in the area, announces McDowell, the director of church relations, who has spent all week working with the evacuees.

Centenary faculty, staff and students unload relief supplies at a Salvation Army collection point in Southwest Shreveport.

Two officials from Dillard, Vice President Freddye Hill and Housing official Gail Taylor, who eventually learn that their homes are lost, remain in Centenary housing. (Note: Their stay ends up lasting the entire fall semester.) They operate out of Centenary offices first in the Gold Dome and later in the Chaplain's Office. (Dr. Hill now resides with the Dillard student body in the Riverside Hilton Hotel. The Taylor family is now divided among a FEMA trailer at their homesite and a residence near Mr. Taylor's employer, the *New Orleans Times Picayune*.)

Monday, Sept. 5

Labor Day: a respite, a time to volunteer

Several members of the Centenary family use the day to volunteer at shelters.

Tuesday, Sept. 6

14 displaced students from Dillard, Loyola, Tulane, UNO register for fall at Centenary

Fourteen students from New Orleans schools are admitted to Centenary. Five each are from Tulane and Loyola, two are from Dillard, one is from the University of New Orleans and one is a displaced New Orleans student who had not been currently enrolled.

Friday, Sept. 9

College hosts community meeting seeking solutions

Centenary President Ken Schwab hosts a community meeting to discuss the area's immediate and long-term concerns, needs, impact and opportunities, especially how to find homes for those in shelters and how to help them get funds to purchase necessities. (It is the first of several sessions, including a second community meeting and a recent FEMA-sponsored Louisiana Recovery Day event, seeking answers to disaster issues.)

The annual Centenary Book Bazaar goes ahead as scheduled but collects monetary donations for the Red Cross and canned goods for the Food Bank during the two-day event in the Gold Dome.

Hurricane Rita

Thursday, Sept. 22

Unthinkable: another monster storm threatens

Unbelievably, another monster storm threatens the Louisiana-Texas coast. Due to overflowing shelters and the shortage of local housing, Centenary announces that its Fitness Center will be open for those in the Centenary family who need a roof overhead as they weather Hurricane Rita. A few families begin to arrive.

With the images of Hurricane Katrina fresh on everyone's minds, Rita is the impetus for a campus meeting. Dubbed the Rita Impact Planning meeting, the gathering calls together public safety, housing, dining, information technology and facilities officials. Although Shreveport is usually well removed from physical effects of hurricanes, this one is predicted to have tropical storm strength as far north as Shreveport. Forecasters also expect it to stall over Northwest Louisiana and East Texas. Flooding and power outages appear likely. The group puts a closure plan together for presentation the following day to the college's Executive Staff, depending on the forecast the following morning.

Several portable generators, though hard to come by, are ordered by public safety and facilities staff.

Friday, Sept. 23

With Katrina memories fresh, Rita response is swift

At 7 a.m. Rita is a Category 4 hurricane, with maximum winds of 140 m.p.h. and headed toward the Southwest Louisiana-Southeast Texas coasts. As it travels inland it is expected to produce rainfall accumulations of 8 to 12 inches, with isolated maximum amounts of 15 inches. Since it is expected to slow down significantly after making landfall, total accumulations in excess of 25 inches are possible over the next several days across East Texas and Western Louisiana with an additional 3 to 5 inches over Southeast Louisiana, including New Orleans. Isolated tornados are possible as well.

President Ken Schwab, upon the recommendation of the staff, decides to close the campus immediately following the noon dedication ceremonies for the newly renovated Moore Student Union Building. Following a slightly windy and overcast ribbon-cutting ceremony, Schwab announces the closing and advises those who could do so safely to travel to their homes. No one is to travel to the west or the south. Those remaining are to take shelter in specified campus areas. The closure extends until noon on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

All events on campus are cancelled, including Parents and Family Weekend, which was to extend through Sunday. All buildings except residence halls and the Fitness Center are closed.

Officials make arrangements to shut down the entire computer network system and to post notices on the athletics web site, gocentenary.com, which is housed at an off-campus location. Voicemail updates are also scheduled at three telephone numbers. KSCL, the campus radio station, is asked to make announcements on the hour.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Everyone hunkers down as Rita blows through

Strong winds and rains pummel the campus and the surrounding area. Although the campus doesn't lose power, many areas of the city lose electricity. Trees, traffic lights and utility poles are down in several areas.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Campus is unsettled by Rita

On a clear, sunshiny day, Vice President for Finance and Administration Bill Ballard issues this statement following Tropical Storm Rita:

"The campus came through the storm relatively unscathed. There are a number of small limbs and minor debris down. Two trees fell—one in Crumley Gardens and another hit Cline Hall with only damage to the gutters. No power outages occurred.

"No flooding was noted. A number of small leaks occurred throughout the campus buildings. Facilities will be working to clean up these situations.

"The computer networks, including Resnet, Banner, Blackboard and Internet are up and running.

"AEP-SWEPCO, the local electric utility, will be housing 150 or so linemen out of the Fitness Center beginning today until power is restored in the Shreveport-Bossier area. They are providing all their own supplies so campus disruption should be minimal. However, due to their usage, the Fitness Center will be closed at least through Tuesday.

"Thanks for your patience and understanding during this time."

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Campus reopens, more students from Southwest Louisiana, Texas affected

The campus reopens at noon.

The college works to determine the status of students' families from Southwest Louisiana and Southeast Texas coastal areas.

Relief effort continues ...

The ensuing months since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have been filled with numerous relief efforts on behalf of Centenary students, whose homes and families have been affected, and for the larger community and state as well. Centenary continues to gather citizen input and propose solutions.

The following two pages present student Carrie Weber's photographs of Centenary students helping out in hurricane-ravaged Slidell, La. Another group of students, also coordinated by Chaplain Eaves, will volunteer during Mardi Gras break as well. The needs are great and the relief effort continues.

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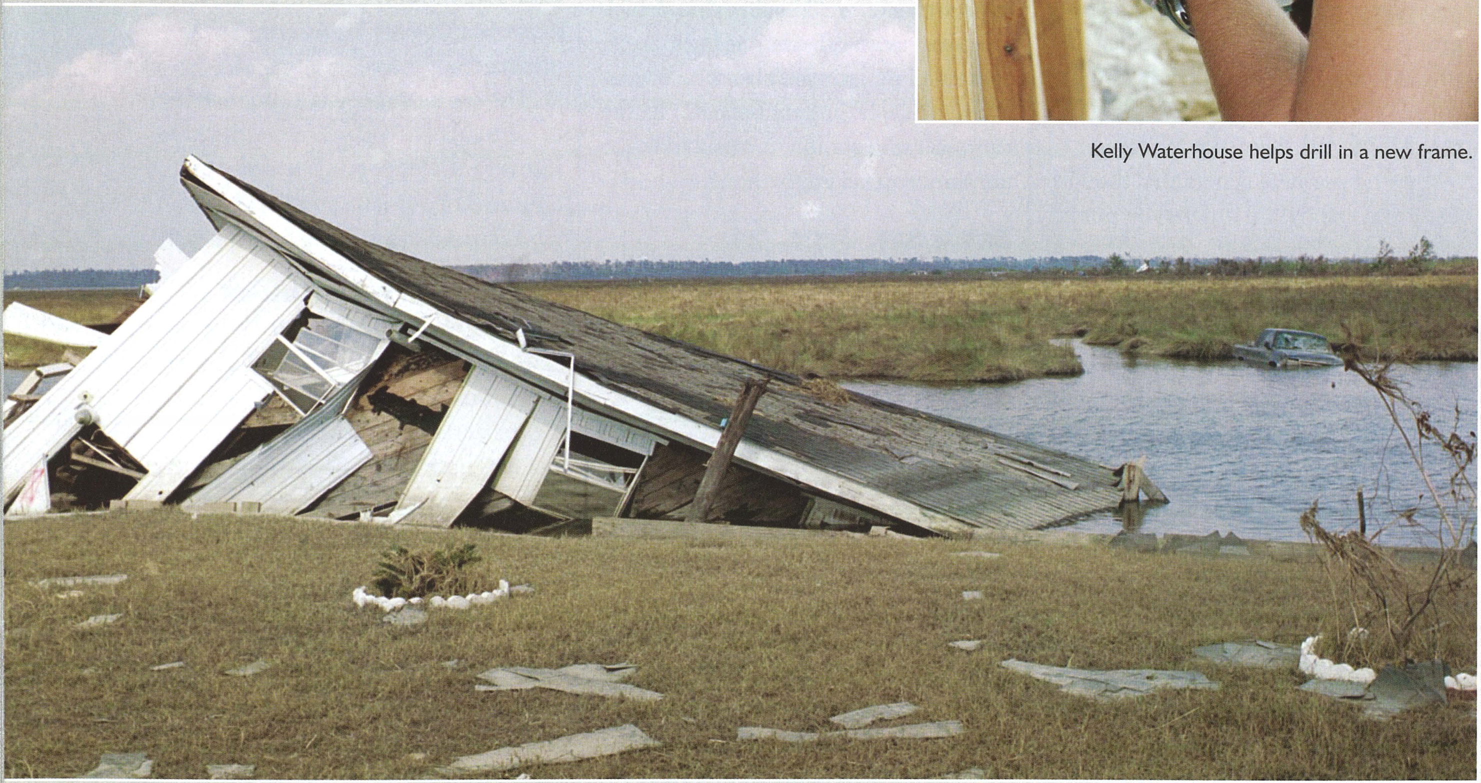
Fall Break 2005

upclose&personal

photography by Carrie Weber

A group of 18 Centenary students, alumni and staff members spends Fall Break assisting in hurricane relief efforts in Slidell, La. The mission team guts moldy sheetrock and floors in several homes and churches. Student Carrie Weber of Pearl River, La., near Slidell, brings along her camera and captures the compassion and determination of volunteers in the midst of devastation. Another mission trip is planned for Mardi Gras Break.

Kelly Waterhouse helps drill in a new frame.



Centenary student Carrie Weber photographs the lawn and house where her high school senior pictures were once taken.

> “I had never seen anything like it before and I don’t think I ever will again. My entire hometown was shredded. But, in the midst of the heartbreak and massive destruction, this group from Centenary brought hope, and hope is definitely what the city needs right now.”
>
> —CARRIE WEBER, PEARL RIVER, LA., CENTENARY STUDENT

Mindy McKoin surveys a room in a house students help gut.

Rubble lines College Street in Slidell, La.

[left to right] Julie Vanderlick, Jennifer Bouso, Ashlie Junot and Ashley Herrmann roll up carpet.

Jennifer Bouso scrapes mold off interior walls.

Recollect & Reconnect: HOMECOMING 2006

Alumni Awards Banquet: Hal Sutton '81 receives the Alumni Association's highest honor—induction into the Alumni Hall of Fame—from National Alumni Association Board President Charles C. Grubb '68 (left) and Centenary President Kenneth L. Schwab (right).

Hal Sutton: **Alumni Hall Fame**

At the Alumni Awards Banquet on Thursday, Feb. 2, Centenary inducted professional golfer Hal Sutton '81 into the Centenary College Alumni Hall of Fame. The award is the highest honor given to an alum, recognizing distinguished achievements in the alum's profession and marking his or her service to the College and others.

Sutton has won numerous PGA tournaments, including the PGA Championship and the Player of the Year Award in 1983. He has played on four Ryder Cup teams, serving as captain in 2004.

At Centenary, he played golf from 1976–80, during which he won 14 tournaments, was an All-American, led the Gents to the NCAA Tournament and finished ninth nationally. He won the 1980 U.S. amateur championship and was named the NCAA College Player of the Year and *Golf Magazine's* College Player of the Year.

Sutton invests in community service initiatives and established the Hal Sutton Foundation in 2001 to meet the health care needs of children in the Ark-La-Tex region.

Dr. Brad McPherson
Honorary Alumnus Award

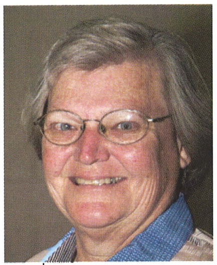
Brad McPherson, professor emeritus of biology and inaugural holder of the Mary Warters Endowed Chair, received the Honorary Alumnus Award. He retired in May 2003 after joining the Centenary faculty in the fall of 1971. He continues to team teach a May Module in Nicaragua. Numerous students have traveled with him and studied in Costa Rica, where he has done research for 40 years.

Students and colleagues recognized him as Outstanding Teacher in 1983. He served as sponsor to the Biology Club and member of Alpha Epsilon Delta medical fraternity. He received the first Summer Research Grant given by the Alumni Association and earned the grant again three years later. Both times, he involved students in the research these grants supported. In 2004, his former students recognized him with the Brad McPherson Study Lounge in Mickle Hall.

Dr. Rosemary Seidler
Honorary Alumna Award

Dr. Rosemary Seidler, professor emerita of chemistry, received the Honorary Alumna Award. She retired in May 2005 after serving as a Centenary faculty member for 39 years.

A recipient of Centenary's Outstanding Teacher Award, Seidler was also one of 12 recipients nationwide of a 1993 Outstanding Advising Award from the National Academic Advising Association. She also served on every major College committee and advised the Honor Court, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Student Government Association.



Dr. Rosemary Seidler poses at the Awards Banquet with fellow faculty members Dr. David Thomas and Dr. Vicki Lefevers.

Gene & Charlotte Bryson

Alumni Loyalty Award

Charlotte Stodghill Bryson ’63 and Gene Bryson ’63 are recipients of the 2006 Alumni Loyalty Award for their contributions to and long-standing relationship with Centenary. The Brysons have been active with various alumni programs since graduation. Gene Bryson has served on the Board of Trustees since 2000 and has retired as the chief judge of the 1st Judicial District Court, State of Louisiana. He currently serves as the judicial administrator and special judge with the 1st Judicial District Court.

Charlotte Bryson, a retired educator, is a member of the Centenary Women’s Endowment Quorum and the Centenary Muses, organizations that support student and College projects.

They have both served terms as president of the Alumni Board and are supporters of the C Club and the Centenary College Choir. They have hosted a number of class reunions and Centenary College Choir reunions and are active members of First United Methodist Church in Shreveport.

Founders’ Day Convocation

Grand Marshal Dr. Earle Labor gives a thumbs-up as he leads seniors during the traditional Founders’ Day Convocation procession from Mickle Hall to Brown Chapel.

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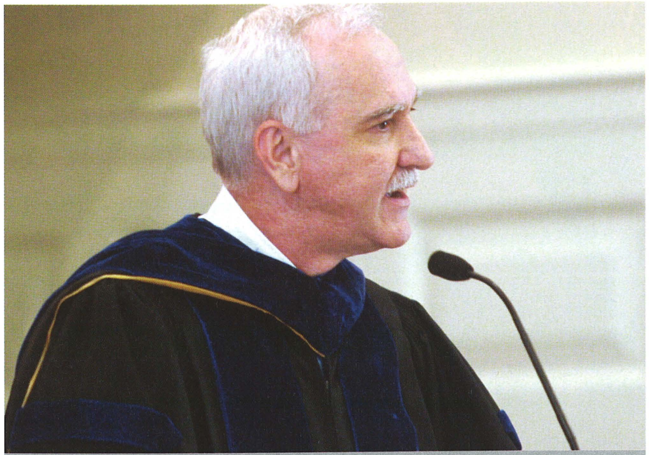
Established 1825



Founders' Day Speaker: Dr. John Hardt '74, vice president for academic affairs at Brevard College, pays tribute to Centenary.

Morning Call: Signaling Morning Call on Founders' Day is SGA President Chris Lavan, who is ringing the bell that was used on the old Centenary campus.

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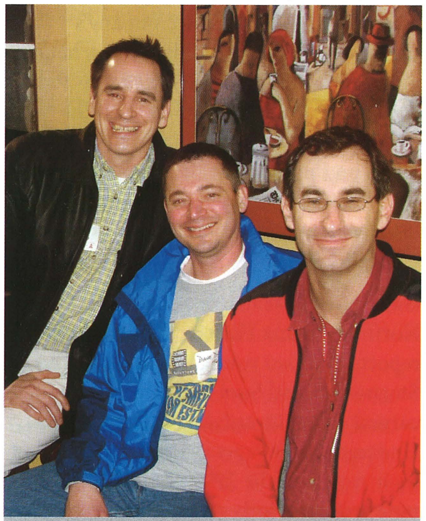
Morning Call: Being honored at Morning Call are (left to right) OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD, Dr. Christopher S. Ciocchetti; CHARLTON H. LYONS FACULTY SUMMER RESEARCH AWARD, Dr. Lisa Nicoletti; PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE AWARD, Patty Roberts '82, pictured with President Kenneth L. Schwab.

Legacy Luncheon: (Left) Legacy Luncheon guest speaker Tim Farrell '72 and wife Peggy Ramsey Ferrell '72 are thanked by their scholarship recipient Mindy McKoin. (Right) Darrius Hill, Legacy Luncheon student speaker, visits with Bonnie Harrel Watkins '57 and President Schwab.

Pre-Symphony Alumni Reception: Among Centenary Choir alumni attending the reception at the Shreveport Civic Theater are Emily Robinson Hobson '97, David Hobson '98, Katie Valentine '00, Mariah Fine '03, George Fine '99 and DeAndre Johnson '04.



Java Junction gathering: Chris Heard '87, Dave Dawson '86 and Harvey Harris '86 visit during Homecoming.

Alumni Party at Symphony House: Rockin' with singer Dorothy Prime (right) and the Blues Jumpers Band are Angie White '93, Carla White and Chat Reed '64.

Professors' Literary Chat: (Front row, left to right) Bill Bowker '65, Linda Whitesides Bowker '66, Sara Burroughs '61, Rennie Culver '60 and (back row) Warren True '69 and Judy True listen to Professors Earle Labor H'90 and Lee Morgan H'96 discuss their book, *HCAL*.

Maroon Jackets Reunion: Martha Sneed Goza '66 visits with current Maroon Jacket Debbie Elsen '06.

Where are they now and what are they up to?

Class Notes

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1943

Virginia Kilpatrick Shehee, Shreveport, La., on May 10, 2005, was elected chair of the Board of Directors of International Star, Inc., a company that is primarily engaged in the acquisition and exploration of precious metals mineral properties. She is also a longtime member of the Centenary Board of Trustees.

1948

William "Bill" McCleary, Shreveport, is a board member of the North Louisiana Historical Association. Other Centenary alums on the board are **Beverly Smith '64** of Homer and **Gay Griffith Means '63** of Shreveport.

1951

Donald Mack, Shreveport, longtime physician, and KTBS-TV Channel 3 were named the 2005 honorees for the Ron Anderson Champion for Children Award by the Shreveport Bar Foundation and Volunteers for Youth Justice.

1957

Judith Woodyard Spencer, South Bend, Ind., is a physician satisfaction consultant for Press Ganey Associates, a leader in health organizations satisfaction surveys.

Ron Viskozki, Shreveport, was inducted into the Taylorville High School Hall of Fame in Taylorville, Ill., as an individual basketball player. Previously the teams that he played on in 1950 and 1952 had been recognized. Ron works at Bossier Parish Community College as the collections manager. He and his wife, **Emily Hayden '58 Viskozki,** stay busy with grandchildren Emma and Hayden.

1960

Faye Cox Moore, Shreveport, is chief executive officer of TES Regional Healthcare Federal Credit Union. She and husband **Bobby '61** have two sons, Michael and Christopher, and two grandchildren.

1961

Bobby Moore, Shreveport, retired as manufacturing manager of business telephone systems at AT&T/Lucent Technologies after 30 years.

William Peeples, Shreveport, and wife Fane have four grandsons, with the newest one born in October 2005.

1963

Kay Woodruff Butcher, Shreveport, is a sales associate with Coldwell Banker J. Wesley Dowling & Associates, Inc. She has earned membership in the company's International Diamond Society, a level achieved by only the top 16 percent of the more than 120,000 sales associates worldwide in the Coldwell Banker System. The award is presented annually to sales associates who meet productivity goals. She received the award at the company's International Business Conference, held in February 2005 at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando, Fla. She is active with the Centenary Muses and has served several terms on the board of the Friends of the Meadows Museum. She and husband **John '61** have two grown daughters who live in Memphis, Tenn.

Gay Griffith Means, Shreveport, of the North Louisiana Historical Association reports that two young alums—**Charlie Starnes '03** and **Sara Thompson '05**—earned recent Overdyke Awards for "Best Undergraduate Papers." Read details about their papers in the 2003 and 2005 class note sections. Both student entries were prepared under the supervision of Dr. Sam Shepherd Jr., professor of history at Centenary, and they were recently published in the *North Louisiana History Journal,* Fall 2005, Vol. 36 No. 4. Gay is coeditor of the *Journal.* The Overdyke Awards were founded in memory of W. Darrel Overdyke, professor of history at Centenary.

1965

Bruce Dinwiddie, Metairie, La., is enjoying his grandchildren: Michael, born Dec. 12, 2002, and Julie, born Sept. 29, 2004.

1967

Leonard and **Mary Tullie Wyrick '68 Critcher,** Dallas, Texas, spend weekends at Lake Whitney. He enjoys the golf resort while she enjoys the water. Their son, Merritt, married Kimberly Reno on May 14 at Highland Park United Methodist Church.

Les Hammond, Atlanta, Ga., has been continuing his work as director of legislative affairs for the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety. He is in his 23rd year of playing the French horn with the Atlanta Wind Symphony. The AWS is a musical outlet for adult musicians whose experience ranges from some of Atlanta's finest professional musicians and composers to hobbyists (i.e., those who do something else for a living but enjoy making music, like Les). In 2004, AWS was named a recipient of the Sudler Silver Scroll Award. This is North America's most prestigious award for community concert bands. To commemorate the 25th year as an organization, the AWS was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York on May 28, 2005.

Allan Jones, Duluth, Ga., reports that daughter Katherine is working on her degree in hospitality management and daughter Emily graduated from Oglethorpe University in December 2005 with plans to enter law school in fall 2006.

Marsha Pickett Wells, Canyon Lake, Texas, is the Canyon Lake referral agent for Kuper Sotheby's. A Texas realtor since 1991, she recently made a corporate video for a San Antonio homebuilder. It airs on *Designing Texas.*

1968

Tom Bitterwolf, Moscow, Idaho, and his family welcomed their third grandchild, Alexandria Naomi Hyde, who was born June 21, 2005. She is the first child of Tom's daughter Kate and son-in-law Darren.

1969

Diane Hercher Key, Idaho Falls, Idaho, and husband Jim are both retired scientists from the Department of Energy's Idaho National Lab in Idaho Falls.

Jim Montgomery, Shreveport, has resigned his job as grant writer for the city of Shreveport and has been named executive director of the Charles T. Beaird Foundation. The foundation awards grants to nonprofit agencies in the Shreveport-Bossier area, and Jim says, "So I'll go from asking for money to helping give it away to worthy causes." How good was he in the asking job? He told a colleague: "At the City, during five years I managed to haul in about $1 million in grants and congressional earmarks, which is considerably more than my salary for the same period. At least I didn't cost the taxpayers anything."

1970

Grimsley and **Carol Bartholmey Graham,** Rogers, Ark., visited with Jim and **Diane Hercher '69 Key** in Idaho Falls, Idaho, on their way to an Elderhostel wildflower course at Grand Targhee, Wyo. Carol is a medical technologist in an oncology clinic in Rogers, Ark., and Grimsley teaches English at Rogers High School. Jim and Diane are both retired scientists from the Department of Energy's Idaho National Lab in Idaho Falls.

Carolyn Webb Warner, Shreveport, and husband Bill's retirement home was in Bay St. Louis, Miss., prior to Hurricane Katrina. Luckily, they had held onto their Shreveport residence. They are housing the neighbors who made it to Shreveport. A personal note to those who knew Carolyn's first husband, **Michael Poe '69** (TKE). Their daughter, Jennifer Dawn Poe Umphress, a corporate lawyer, gave birth to her first, Katherine Leigh, on Aug. 16. Please send email to roseofjuly@aol.com.

1973

Dick Scott-Welch, Rock Island, Tenn., has retired and moved to his wife's family farm.

Diann Shaw, Shreveport, opened Diann's Gifts and Collectibles. She would love to hear from Centenary friends at 318.425.5784. Visit her website at http://diannsgiftsandcollectibles.showroomcorner.com.

1974

Tom Musselman, Fredericksburg, Texas, drew the highest vote total in the Fredericksburg City Council race on May 7, 2005. Now in his 14th year teaching, he has been at Fredericksburg High School since 1994 and has been the Social Studies Department head since 1997. He teaches Advanced Placement U.S. history, AP U.S. government and politics, and economics. Fredericksburg is consistently ranked as one of the top destination spots in Texas.

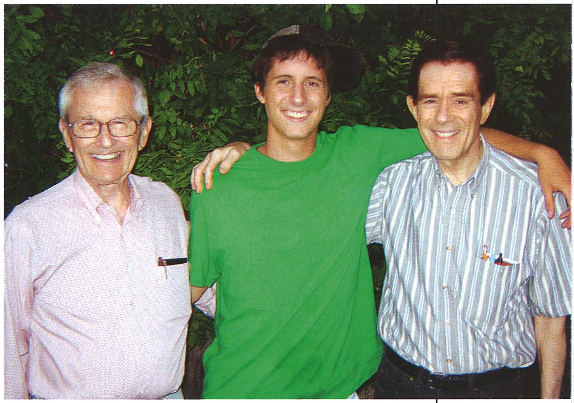
1977

David and Patricia Lawrence Schaller, Pittsburg, Kan., have accepted a full-time clergy couple position with First Presbyterian Church, Jonesboro, Ark.

Mike Warner, Webster Groves, Mo., and wife Connie are both attorneys and live in the St. Louis area. She specializes in insurance defense and he practices patent law for Phizer, Inc. He was recently promoted to head of the Phizer St. Louis Patent

Centenary College Choir

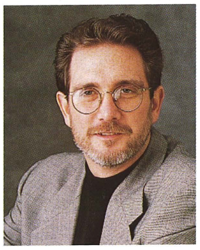
Jim and Wanda Allen Dobie, both Class of 1956 and Centenary Choir alums, introduced the Centenary College Choir before they performed in Kerrville, Texas, where they live.



Dr. Don Scroggin '66, Washington, D.C. (right), is pictured with his son Patrick, a senior in high school (center), and Dr. Lee Morgan H'96 during a campus visit. Patrick is looking at Centenary for fall 2006.

Charles Gleason '53 and Professor Emerita Betty McKnight Speairs H'78 get reacquainted at a Shreveport-Bossier Alumni Happy Hour at Cambria Bistro in July.

Leadership of the New Central Arkansas Alumni Chapter includes Sarah Bowman '05, vice president/social chair; Jack Mulkey '61, member-at-large; Matt Wells, strategy meeting host; Matt Prysock '96, chapter president; Janna Knight-Belote '96, secretary; and Lee Morgan H'96, all-around good guy and general supporter of all things alumni-related.



Marshall Taylor '79 is the author of *Adventures of Cow*, a children's book. In May Taylor is working with the publisher on a second *Cow* book manuscript. There may be a series.

Charles Ellis Brown Sr. '48 and Alice Curtis Brown '48 attend the Shreveport-Bossier Alumni Chapter reception at the home of Stafford '82 and Marianne Comegys in November.

Department. He and Connie have four grandchildren, all of whom live in St. Louis.

Bill Zeller, Carlisle, Pa., is a student again at the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks. He completed commanding the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia Europe at Mainz Kastel, Germany, a Defense Logistics Agency Command, and arrived at Carlisle in August. He is on the promotion list for Colonel and will pin on in winter 2006.

1979

Lee Jamison, Dodge, Texas, has a gallery and a goal "to raise awareness of the beauty of the region we call the 'Woodland Hills,' to educate the people of that region in the necessity of art and creative awareness, and to use art as a tool for developing the local economy in such a way that we do not fall victim to the unfettered spread of the metropolitan blight of Houston." Lee has been a full-time artist specializing in landscapes and historical painting for more than 20 years. He also writes a column for *The Huntsville Item,* in which he addressess cultural and political issues.

Elaine McArdle, Watertown, Mass., has coauthored a book on migraines with Dr. Carolyn Bernstein, a neurologist and migraine expert who teaches at Harvard Medical School. More than 28 million Americans suffer from migraines, and with their book and website they hope to offer relief and also create a supportive community. *Migraine! The Hip Harvard Handbook for Healing Your Headache,* was published by McGraw-Hill and Harvard Health Publications. See more at www.harvardheadachebook.com.

Julia Van Tiem, Shreveport, has been commissioned a lay ecclesial minister for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shreveport, following a four-year program providing 1,000 hours of intense academic, spiritual and pastoral formation. Bishop William Friend declared Julia a master catechist, a permanent eucharistic minister and gave her permission to preach in the absence of a priest or deacon as part of the diaconate ordination ceremonies. Her certification is national and qualifies her for a host of leadership positions in the church.

1980

Mary Gallien De Longis, Canyon Country, Calif., and her husband, actor-stunt performer Anthony De Longis, manage Rancho Indalo in southern California, a home/training facility for actors and stunt people looking for skills in fights, swords, firearms, whips and lances (on ground and on horseback).

Anita Cleaver Dinwiddie, Metairie, La., was appointed to St. Mark's United Methodist Church as a licensed local pastor. The appointment was made during the Louisiana Annual Conference in June. St. Mark's in known for its outreach program. The congregation serves the homeless each Sunday following the 10 a.m. service. She welcomes all Centenary alumni and friends who live in or visit New Orleans to attend this service and have lunch. This is a part-time job. She continues to serve as vice president of operations for Junior Achievement of Greater New Orleans, which serves 12 parishes. Anita was the director of alumni relations at Centenary in the 1980s before marrying **Bruce Dinwiddie '65,** an attorney in New Orleans. St. Mark's is in the French Quarter and survived Hurricane Katrina. Bruce and Anita evacuated to Shreveport for a period. They volunteer with the InterFaith Pharmacy.

Greg Lee, Lakewood, Colo., and wife Lynne Abbye-Lee celebrated their 20th anniversary in June, 2005. They have been in Colorado for almost six years and love it.

1982

Don Hughley, Prattville, Ala., is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. His dream is to retire to Shreveport and teach management/leadership/values classes at Centenary.

Richard Liles, Shreveport, has joined Smith Barney Citigroup as a financial consultant. Email: Richard.d.liles@smithbarney.com.

Lynn Young, Bethesda, Md., is a scientist in the field of bioinformatics at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda.

1983

Barbara Brown Dubuys, Atlanta, Ga., is the executive assistant to Lawrence Ashe, the senior partner at Ashe, Rafuse, & Hill LLP law firm in Midtown. As she says, she is "a legal assistant, travel agent and scheduler—a jack-of-all trades."

Larry McCammon, Ypsilanti, Mich., says his experiences in the Centenary College Choir were instrumental in the successes in his life. Travels with the Choir formed a level of comfort that has allowed him to travel to Turkey four times without concern of culture shock. He has had the opportunity to serve in relief efforts in Turkey and provide health services to gypsies in Bulgaria. His experiences at Centenary also formed an educational foundation that allowed him to get a B.S. in nursing from a Top 20 nursing school without much difficulty. He is thankful for the experience at Centenary and his time in Choir.

Susan Clements Orloff, Aurora, Ill., is still with Procter and Gamble, selling Bounty, Charmin and Pampers. Her husband, John, retired from the U.S. Secret Service and is now with the Department of Homeland Security. They have three children: Alexander and twins Michael and Nicole.

1984

Jeff Blakeman, Four Seasons Park, Singapore, works for Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts. After many years in California, he and his family moved to Singapore.

Lisa Rothell Kupcanas, Double Oak, Texas, has taken a leave of absence from her job as a manager for Reynolds Web Solutions to join husband Rick in Leeds, England, while he is working on a project for the United Kingdom National Health Care System.

Warren Morales, Houston, Texas, is teaching at a new school called Challenge Early College High School, where the students have an opportunity to graduate from high school with an associate degree and transfer about 60 credits to a four-year college or university. The school is on the campus of Houston Community College. Warren teaches for the high school and the college.

1985

Roger Burleigh, Dallas, Texas, completed an 18-day expedition to the summit of Cerro Aconcagua (22,840 feet high), the tallest mountain in South America, and second in altitude only to Mt. Everest on the list of the "Seven Summits" (tallest mountains on each of the seven continents). He has previously summited the highest peaks in Europe (Mt. Elbrus, 18,510 feet, in the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria, Russian Federation) and Africa (Kilimanjaro, 19,340 feet in Tanzania), and was a member of an Alpine Ascents International expedition to the tallest mountain in North America (Denali, 20,320 feet in Alaska) in June 2005.

Betsy Camp-Hoffman, Galveston, Texas, and **Lea Wade-Torres '86,** Silver Spring, Md., were selected to participate in the Amazon Heart Odyssey 2005. Elizabeth and Lea are both "Young Survivors." They were both diagnosed with breast cancer under the age of 40 (both 37, in fact). See their pictures at www.amazonheartodyssey.org/.

Lee Morgan, Hightstown, N.J., performed on Broadway in *Almost Heaven: John Denver's America* which opened in November at the Promenade Theater in New York. Last year he was in *Brooklyn in The Musical.*

1986

Angie Hendrix-Jordan, Mocksville, N.C., after working as a Local Account Executive at WXII-TV for 12 years, was promoted to national sales manager. WXII-TV is the NBC affiliate in the Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point television market. As national sales manager, Angie will be supervising reps in nine cities, including New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and Los Angeles, who represent WXII with advertising agencies. A single mom, Angie continues to live in Mocksville with Sam, 6, and Rachel, 3.

1987

Becki Rice Barns, Edmond, Okla., has been named an executive national vice president with Arbonne.

Lauri Humphreys Moore, League City, Texas, is enjoying staying at home with her two boys, ages 6 and 11. She, husband Kevin and the boys moved to League City after Kevin retired from the Air Force. He is now a pilot with Southwest Airlines.

1988

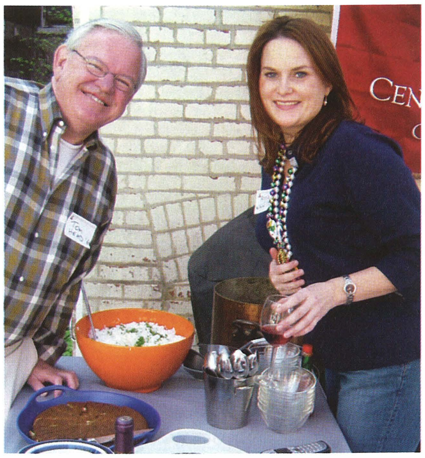
Lenise Clifton, Chapel Hill, N.C., is a pediatric dentist and orthodontist. She owns her own business with her husband, Chuck, who is also a pediatric dentist. They have three busy children: Anna Claire, 9; Mary Kate, 4; and Ben, 2.

Donna Robinson Greening, Shreveport, is the business administrator for Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport. She is a CPA and has worked as an accountant and senior financial analyst for companies in Shreveport as well as served as the sole proprietor of Donna R. Greening,

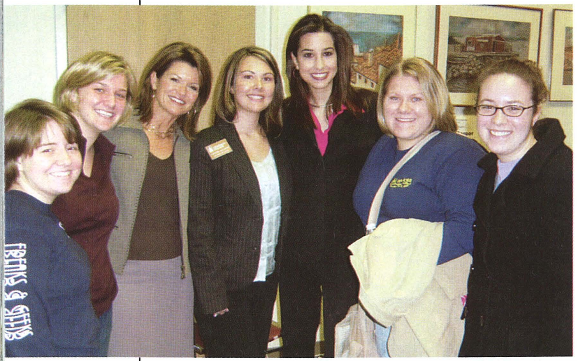
Shreveport-Bossier Alumni Chapter President Hoyt D. Bain '63 presents Marianne and Stafford Comegys '82 with a gift of appreciation for their generous hospitality at a well-attended reception in their home on Nov. 1. The gift was a tree planted in the Centenary Arboretum in their honor.

President Emeritus Don Webb H'88 speaks at the alumni reception at the home of Marianne and Stafford '82 Comegys.

Marshall Oglesby '65 of Boston, Ma., visits with Irene Corey (center) and Ginger Folmer '64 at an 80th birthday party in Ms. Corey's honor. The event was held at the home of Allen Shaffer '61 in Dallas, Texas. Ms. Corey was associated with the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse in the 1960s. Former students from around the country attended the party.



Host Tom Head '64 and Gumbo Chef Extraordinaire Angie White '93 are all smiles at another successful Mambo Gumbo event in Washington, D.C., last spring. Angie is president of the Capital City Alumni Chapter. The seventh annual Mambo Gumbo is scheduled for April 1.



Communication students visit with Sherri Talley Allen '78, Amanda McCarter '04 and Lindsay Holman '01 following their presentation, "A Career in Broadcast News," on Jan. 24.

Catherine Lensing Harper '78 and Martha Kelley '79 visit at the Gents vs. SMU pre-game reception at Maggiano's Restaurant in Dallas on Nov. 21.

CPA. She and husband Reggie have two children: Amanda, 8, and Joshua, 5.

1988

Stephanie Meinel Phoenix, Columbia, S.C., gave birth to triplet boys on April 4, 2002, and had a girl Jan. 3, 2005.

1989

Steven Fath, Seguin, Texas, would ultimately like to go back and get a master's degree in either history or philosophy and teach.

1990

Karen Eason, Shreveport, earned a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 2000. She is principal of Shreve Island Elementary School, a year-round and nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School.

Sybil Zebbs White, Mansfield, La., is a fourth-grade language arts teacher at Mansfield Elementary-Middle School. She has been teaching for 15 years and holds national board certification in literacy. Her son, Demontre, is a student at Southern University in Baton Rouge.

1991

David Hesser, Alexandria, La., is training attorneys, mental health professionals and financial professionals on how to do collaborative divorce. He held a program in Shreveport on May 12–13, 2005. More information on the training is available at www.collaborativetrainingteam.com. David was selected, by the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals to speak at its annual forum in Atlanta, Ga. on Oct. 30. The topic: combining the collaborative team model with mediation. He is with the law firm of J. Ogden Middleton, II as "Of Counsel" and practices family law and admiralty law.

1992

Scott Durbin, New Orleans, La., is still a part of Imagination Movers, an award-winning Children's Entertainment Group, *Beastie Boys Meet Mr. Rogers.* Since the last time his news was published in *Centenary Today,* the Imagination Movers have received 10 national awards, including two from the prestigious Parents' Choice Foundation, and a John Lennon Songwriting Contest Award.

The group has had three songs on XM Kids, a national countdown of top children's songs on XM Satellite Radio, including No. 1 hit "I Want My Mommy (*Time For Bed*)." That song is currently being turned into a children's book by Pelican Publishing. On PBS, the Imagination Movers videos air regularly on WLAE TV (Channel 32 in New Orleans) and will be expanding statewide via Louisiana Public Broadcasting and soon after to five neighboring states. Children of all ages can tune in throughout the week to see Rich, Scott, Dave and Smitty cleaning their rooms, shopping for healthy snacks, and playing their "junk" drumset on PBS. The Imagination Movers first DVD release will be reviewed in *Parenting Magazine* and *Disney Family Fun Magazine.* The Movers have been grand marshals of a Mardi Gras parade and have been nominated for a Big Easy Award for "Best Emerging Group."

Susan Buchanan Jones, Longview, Texas, received a professional Doctor of Audiology degree from Arizona School of Health Sciences, a school of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, on March 12, 2005. She is a doctor of audiology practicing at Longview Regional Medical Center.

Heidi McAllister, Wichita, Kan., is the new volunteer services manager at Exploration Place in Wichita. Exploration Place is a center for informal, enjoyable learning, creativity and community gathering serving residents and tourists of all ages with extraordinary resources for exploration.

Tammy Huffman McKenzie, Bossier City, La., is a major in the U.S. Air Force and is stationed in England. She serves as the physical therapist for the Department of Defense School System in England. This involves traveling to Norway, Portugal and Iceland to ensure that children with special needs have appropriate therapy services in the Defense School System. She and husband Mark have two children, Jacob and Madeline.

Jared Millet, Mobile, Ala., received a MLIS degree from Louisiana State University in 1996. He married **Lea Greenwood** in 2002.

1993

Steve Brouillette, Brandon, Miss., passed the Louisiana Bar exam, and is now licensed to practice in both Louisiana and Mississippi.

Shayne Berry Young, Reddell, La., is married to Kirk Young, who is a Cooper Tire distributor. She is an elementary school teacher in Mamou.

1994

David M. "Trey" Carlton III, DDS, Alexandria, La., received the Louisiana Dental Association's 2005 New Dentist Award in March 2005 at the association's 125th annual session in Baton Rouge, La. The award is presented annually to one LDA member who has been in practice for less than 10 years and who has dignified himself or herself by giving time and talents for the betterment of mankind. David earned his D.D.S. in 1998 from LSU School of Dentistry and since then has maintained a general practice in family dentistry in Alexandria. He has held numerous leadership positions with the LDA. He is also a volunteer at the Huey P. Long Medical Center dental clinic in Alexandria and a volunteer faculty member for the LSU Health Sciences Center School of Dentistry at its off-site clinic in Alexandria.

Beth Rhoads Hughes, Shreveport, and husband **Scott '90** welcomed their second child, Merritt Elizabeth, on June 13, 2005. Proud big sister is Morgan Emerson. Scott is the executive director of the Alliance for Education and serves on numerous boards.

Kari Bergquist Kauffman, Austin, Texas, and husband Chad moved back to Austin after living in The Woodlands. Kari is a stay-at-home mom to Taylor, 3, and Kyle, 2.

Yancey Nolan, West Monroe, La., and Kristi have been married for eight years and have two sons: Yancey, 5, and John Brady, 1. Yancey is the director of human resources with ARCO, A Community Resource, which is a private non-profit agency in Monroe. Kristi is a medical transcriptionist.

1995

Michele Brown Ball, Benton, La., passed her Certified Management Accounting exams.

Justin Bank, Little Rock, Ark., became general manager of Stageworks in Little Rock in July 2005. Stageworks is a custom theatrical contractor that works on custom lighting and rigging projects throughout the Mid-South.

Kelley McCrary Bernhard, Allen, Texas, is an associate professor in mathematics at the Collin County Community College. She and Ted have two children.

Paul Berry, Arlington, Texas, wife Jennifer and daughter Kaylee moved to Arlington after living for five years in Colorado. Paul does environmental work with a home-builder and Jennifer is a cardiac nurse.

Keenan Gingles, MBA, Hammond, La., is publisher of *The Daily Star* newspaper in Hammond.

Melonie Whitehead Himel, Lake Charles, La., made a career change, joining the government sector after two years of public accounting. She now works in the Finance Department of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

Derrick Jacobs, Shreveport, is an executive recruiter for Magee Resource Group. He recruits mainly in the field of Information Technology. His office was ranked No. 1 in the world last year in systems, applications, and products in data processing staffing.

John Michael Moore, Bossier City, La., has been promoted to vice president of BancorpSouth, working in the Bossier City office. He has completed his second year at the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University and will graduate in May 2006.

Heather Peak, Shreveport, directed performances of *MacBeth* and *Comedy of Errors,* with director Don Hooper at Centenary's Marjorie Lyons Playhouse this past summer. Heather has directed several Shakespeare productions at East Bank Theatre, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Richard III.* She taught classes in stage make-up and directing at Marjorie Lyons during Fall 2005 and team taught a course in theatre history with Dr. George Newtown of the English Department. Apart from Shakespeare, two of her favorite playwrights include Tom Stoppard and Edward Albee. Heather also makes jewelry.

1996

Keith Considine, Houston, Texas, is a manager at Pricewaterhouse Coopers. His wife, **Ami '95,** works in desktop publishing. He is a member of the Texas Society of CPAs and enjoys golf, fishing, and home-brewed beer. He and Ami are parents of Quinn and Dominic. Keith serves as president of the Houston Alumni Chapter and is a member of Centenary's President's Advisory Council.

Jolie Kowalski, Prairieville, LA., is a stay-at-home mom taking care of her two boys, Gabriel, 4, and Joshua, 1.

Alexandria dentist Dr. David M. "Trey" Carlton III '94 (right) poses with his father Dr. David M. Carlton, Jr. after receiving the Louisiana Dental Association (LDA) 2005 New Dentist Award at its 125th annual session on March 19, 2005, in Baton Rouge, La.

Bobby McKee '89 and Bill Carroll '89 get together at a reception honoring the Gents basketball team the night before they were slated to take on SMU in Dallas in November.

Shreveport-Bossier's January Lunch Bunch at Tacomania attracts former classmates Cindy Gleason '81 and Alan Yokem '83. Alan is now a member of the Centenary Board of Trustees.

Steven Frederick and Michelle Marrs Frederick '99 pose with Director of Service Learning Dian Tooke (center) at a recent Shreveport-Bossier Happy Hour.

Director of Career Services Eva Vickerstaff summarizes the services available to alumni and students at the January Shreveport-Bossier Happy Hour.

Margaret Bray '66 enjoys her retirement from the Caddo Parish School System.

Lynd Matt, Cambridge, Mass., has joined the staff of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts as the assistant director of development. His fundraising work includes primary responsibility for the annual fund, coordination of some small events, and management of a portfolio of major donors. You can read more about the work of the Diocese on its web site: www.diomass.org.

Mandy Rogers Mizenis, Commerce, Ga., is happily married and has a daughter who is almost 2.

Brian Wilson, Tulsa, Okla., is a member of the Tulsa Contemporary Dance Theater Co. He performed in *Written on the Bod,* an eclectic collection of original dance works ranging from the fanciful to the absurd. Brian debuted a piece and performed in six of the 12 numbers. "TCDT, formed in 2003, seeks to celebrate the value of dance in our culture and the unique expression of each individual. The goal of the company is to entertain, educate and present dance to the community. Currently the company consists of nine dedicated dancers bringing with them a variety of dance experience and education," Brian said.

1997

Michelle Boutte, Waco, Texas, is a staff psychotherapist for the University of Texas Medical Branch, Correctional Managed Care in the Gatesville Cluster. Her main assignment is at a women's prison.

Elizabeth Means Culp, Cleburne, Texas, completed a master's degree in special education with an accompanying certification in autism intervention. In her spare time, she is learning to be a better horse rider/handler.

Joel Jowers, Kane'ohe Bay, Hawaii, arrived back in Kane'ohe Bay in April 2005 after a successful deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqui Freedom II. He was selected to attend Expeditionary Warfare School in Quantico, Va., for the 2005-06 academic year.

Susan Moore, Shreveport, is a nurse at Willis-Knighton Medical Center.

Joby Ogwyn, Shreveport, served as 2005 grand marshal of the Krewe of Centaur parade in Shreveport. In 1999, he became the youngest American to reach the summit of Mount Everest. He also has reached the highest summit on each of the seven continents and is one of only 53 in the world to accomplish this feat. His new goal is to be the quickest instead of the youngest. He just set a record for the fastest climb to the top of Cho Oyu. He climbed the 8000-foot peak in eight hours. The previous record was for 10 and a half hours. He has also been working with Italian producer Allesandra Pasquino on some film projects. He writes a column for *City Lights* magazine about his and others' experiences in the extreme sporting world.

Wendy Hamon Rollins, Little Rock, Ark., works for Fidelity Information Services and is the senior application programmer for SunTrust Bank.

1998

Cameron Crawford Armstrong, San Antonio, Texas, is a stay-at-home mom to son Gavin. Her husband, Marshall, has just entered his fifth year with a law firm in San Antonio.

Christine Zaffarano Bromley, Sherwood, Ark., works for L'Oreal as launch/supply planner. She and David celebrated their fifth anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas.

Jeremy Erwin, Dallas, Texas, is beginning his last year of residency in obstetrics-gynecology at Baylor. He will join a practice in Shreveport-Bossier next year. He is married to **Carolyn Hale '01 Erwin.**

Katharine Harper, Cedar Park, Texas, and William McCormick were married Dec. 3, 2005 in Austin, Texas. Katherine is working as a case worker for profoundly mentally retarded adults at the Austin State School.

Rebecca Harper, Dallas, Texas, works for a real estate investment trust, The Macerich Co., as the specialty leasing manager for the Valley View property.

Holly Hatten, Dallas, Texas, is still teaching and ran the Big D Half Marathon last year.

Julie Baldwin McEntire, Baton Rouge, La., teaches world history and Advanced Placement European History to juniors and seniors at St. Michael the Archangel High School (formerly Bishop Sullivan). She is active in Centenary's Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter and serves as the chair of student recruitment.

Daniela Sarquiz, Dallas, Texas, is working for Research Group of Texas (tax property consultant) as an account executive. She lives in Dallas and is engaged. She is still coaching and playing soccer on a women's team.

Julie Shepherd Whiteneck, Baytown, Texas, is enrolled at the University of Houston working towards a master's in speech and language pathology. She and Chris are both in school. He is attending South Texas College of Law and she still works at Cedar Bayou United Methodist Church ministering to the children and youth.

1999

Lisa Bailey, Alexandria, Va., is developing marine conservation communication strategies (outreach/social marketing) in coastal areas around the world and co-writing a publication on "best practices" and sustainable cruise destinations—setting examples for the typical "poor practice" destinations (and cruise lines) to follow.

Katie Barkley, Shreveport, received a master of arts in teaching from Centenary on May 7, 2005. She is an elementary school teacher in Caddo Parish.

Kerry Bujarski Bleil, Haughton, La., is a fulltime mom, after working as a preschool teacher for the last four years in Minot, N.D. Daughter Sarah Maxine Bleil was born on Feb. 22, 2005.

Beth Bonner, Baton Rouge, La., has recently been named vice president of Zyber Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The rapidly growing Louisiana-based company specializes in pediatric medicines and has expanded its sales force from three to 30 representatives in just five years. Beth and Matt DeVille are engaged to be married on May 13, 2006 in Baton Rouge. She serves as president of Centenary's Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter and spoke about the College's Honor Code at Founders' Day Convocation in February 2005.

Vanessa Boyd, Henderson, Texas, plays original music and has recently released her first full-length album, *Unkept Woman.* She currently lives in Appalachia.

Danielle Spoehrer Giacalone, Tomball, Texas, is employed at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Community Clinical Oncology Program Research Base, as a marketing and communications coordinator.

Ashley Holbert, Houston, Texas, graduated with an MBA from Texas A&M University in December 2003. Ashley and husband Jimmy moved to Spring, Texas, and she works in e-commerce strategy with Hewlett Packard.

Shaun Jackson, San Antonio, Texas, finished his third year as a resident at San Antonio University Hospital. He and Jennifer Brown, a realtor in Bossier City, married on June 4, 2005, at his home in Mansfield, La.

Stephanie Kestel Karpovs, Lake Charles, La., married Dr. Anatole Karpovs in December 2001. They were living in Richmond, Va., while he completed his residency. Their son, Nikolai, was born on April 7, 2004. She was working as a speech-language pathologist in an adult rehabilitation center in Richmond, Va., but joined a private practice in Lake Charles. She now works with children and adults. Anatole joined the Children's Clinic of Southwest Louisiana as a pediatrician.

Tyler Speckman, Shreveport, is a commercial credit underwriter with AmSouth Bank in Shreveport. He is engaged to **Amanda LeBlanc '02.** Their wedding date is set for May 6, 2006, in Shreveport.

2000

Catherine Cabaniss, Memphis, Tenn., is a planned giving officer for a non-profit children's organization.

Thomas Foster, Sugar Land, Texas, married Kirsten Lewis, twin sister of NBA all-star Rashard Lewis, on July 9, 2005

Caressa Holloman, Austin, Texas, and Jonathan Murray were married on May 22, 2004. The couple are finishing their master's degrees in divinity at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Caressa is on track to become an ordained minister with the Presbyterian Church and will finish school in two years.

Heather Alexander McIntyre, Lewisville, Texas, married Sean McIntyre on Dec. 4, 2004. They recently bought their first house in Lewisville.

Chad Ruffin, Shreveport, has earned a $34,000 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Training Fellowship for medical students. In July 2005 he began a year-long fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle to research improvements in the way the cochlear implant conveys information back to the user. He has a personal connection to the research: six years ago he had his own cochlear implant. He has finished his second year at LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport.

Fellow choir alumni Chris Smith '95, Emily Robinson Hobson '97 and David Hobson '98 reunite at the pre-performance alumni reception at the Centenary College Choir's Rhapsody in View concert.

Del Harbuck '55, Dean of the Hurley School of Music Gale Odom, Mazie Gillen '55 and Ed Harbuck '56 at the Rhapsody in View reception.

New Orleans alumni welcome prospective students and their parents to a pre-Katrina Lakeside Crawfish Boil in June.

Class of 2005 graduates Matt Martin, Ashley Young, Derek Sallis, Stephen Weeks and Alison Tolar gather at an alumni reception held in their honor at the Symphony House in Shreveport shortly after graduation.

Audubon Zoo
GENERAL ADMISSION

New Orleans area alumni enjoy a picnic on a beautiful day at Audubon Zoo in April 2005.

John Kolwe '85 and Miriam Goins Kolwe '87 welcome home Monique Cousins Hoffmeister '98 (right) at a Lafayette alumni and incoming student reception at Café Vermilionville in late June. Monique, who went on to earn an MBA and now works for Entergy, was the guest speaker. The dinner was hosted by Walter '54 and Ann Dobie.

2001

Carter Benton, Navasota, Texas, moved to a small community near Bryan/College Station. His wife, Jaime, practices medicine and Carter plans to pursue a graduate degree and open his own real estate business.

Jaime Cloud, Shreveport, is studying graphic design and freelancing on the side. Jaime married Joey McGill, who is attending LSU in Shreveport. They honeymooned in San Francisco.

Sarah Dewitt, Shreveport, is a field training officer for the Shreveport Police Department, where she has been a police officer for three years. She is currently back in the Education Department working on a master's degree and will graduate in 2006. Sarah and Paul Cox married in October 2005.

Dani Garza, Lancaster, Pa., performed aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia cruise ship. She also returned to Sight & Sound's Millennium Theatre in Lancaster to star in the biblical tale of *Ruth*. The world-premier musical played May 21 thru Oct. 22, 2005. Information about the show can be found at www.sight-sound.com. For Dani's latest news log on to www.dani-garza.com.

Jamie Hearne, Alexander, Ark., graduated from Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. She began her residency in pediatrics in June at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, Ark.

Ryan Oswald, Bossier City, La., received a master of fine arts degree with a concentration in communication design from Louisiana Tech University in May 2005.

Lee Parker, Denver, Colo., graduated from Iliff School of Theology with a master of divinity. He works as Iliff's academic computing administrator and webmaster as he goes through the ordination process in the Episcopal Church.

Dawn Crider Peterson, San Antonio, Texas, is in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base. She is an acquisition officer, obtaining necessary supplies/equipment for troops (anything from combat equipment to airplanes). She is currently working on the acquisition of T-38 ejection seats. Dawn married **Johnathan Peterson '01** in Austin, Texas, in July 2002. They lived at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, until May 2005.

Lee Rankin, Many, La., is a law clerk for Judge Stephen Beasley of the 11th Judicial District for Sabine and DeSoto parishes.

Matthew Smitherman, Shreveport, passed the Louisiana Bar and is with the law firm Lemle Kelleher in Shreveport.

2002

Jason Burnham, Houston, Texas, graduated in May from Candler School of Theology at Emory University with a Master of Divinity degree. He started work in June at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, where he is an associate minister.

J. T. Cope, Kailua, Hawaii, returned from Afghanistan in May and is scheduled to deploy again to Iraq in early 2006.

Nikki Doughty, Dallas, Texas, is senior copy manager for Neiman Marcus Online. She oversees all fashion text for the website and marketing materials while managing a writing team. Nikki has been employed with the company for a year and a half. She is engaged to Brett Sumrow, an architect with Corgan Associates, Inc. They are building their first house together in Garland, Texas, and will marry in spring 2006.

Melissa Duplantis, Conroe, Texas, is self-employed as a behavior therapist for several children diagnosed with autism in the Spring/Woodlands area. Melissa graduated in May with a master's in clinical psychology from Sam Houston State. She is currently submitting Social Relations Model thesis research for conferences and publication. She will work on a doctorate next.

Erin Bryan Eklund, Charlotte, N.C., graduated with a master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology in August from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is the human resources coordinator for Lending Tree, LLC, working for the senior director of human relations.

Jessica Fant, Longview, Texas, is a physical education teacher at Trinity School of Texas in Longview. She also coaches volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading. Jessica plans to marry Gary Morris in June 2006.

Ashley Gaines, Houston, Texas, graduated from Texas Woman's University in 2004 with a M.S. in physical therapy. She is a practicing physical therapist at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston.

Magan Graham, Norman, Okla., graduated from the University of Oklahoma Law

School and passed the Oklahoma Bar Examination. She has accepted a position with the law office of Daniel M. Davis.

Minja Ilic, Pratt, Kan., is working as a scout for several National Basketball Association teams.

Christopher Jay, Sarepta, La., is director of marketing and educational programming at the Robinson Film Center in Shreveport. Formerly a public relations and advertising executive at Williams Creative Group Inc., he conducts all public relations efforts while organizing community events such as the Robinson Film Center Film Clubs and educational film programs for children. Jay has more than three years experience in marketing and public relations, as well as a background in television production and independent filmmaking. He is an independent filmmaker whose work has been screened locally, regionally and nationally.

Angelique Lasseigne, Golden, Colo., is in graduate school at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. She is completing a doctorate in metallurgical and materials engineering. After graduation, she will pursue a postdoctoral position, but her final goal is to be a professor of metallurgical and material engineering.

Travis and **Rebekah Snider Leger,** Lake Charles, La., began serving in the Peace Corps in July in East Timor. She is a rural health specialist and he is a community development specialist.

Emily Phifer, Shreveport, is a victim's advocate in the Sexual Assault Center for the YWCA in Shreveport. She also works at Express Personnel Services in outside sales for the temporary and permanent staffing service. She plans to obtain her master of social work degree.

Ceci Salinas, San Antonio, Texas, completed a master's in occupational therapy at University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio May 21, 2005. She completed her pediatric rotation with an early childhood intervention center in San Antonio, and her adult rotation with the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver.

Sarah Williams Shoup, Denham Springs, La., was commissioned as a deacon at the Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in June, after completing a master of church ministries in education at Southern Methodist University in December 2004.

2003

Sarah Bate, Austin, Texas, finished a master's in social work at the University of Texas and is working for Bluebonnet Trails Mental Health and Mental Retardation Community Center as a child/youth case manager.

Katie Cooper, Bronx, N.Y., works with pharmaceutical advertising agency Cline, Davis and Mann in New York City. She works in account management as a team support manager on one of their biggest accounts, Lipitor.

Patrick Fertitta, Shreveport, was selected chairman of the Republican Party for Caddo Parish in April 2005.

Andrew Irby, Lafayette, La., is a third-year law student at Wake Forest University School of Law. He has been offered, and has accepted, a position to clerk for Justice Edward T. Brady in the Supreme Court of North Carolina following graduation in May 2006. In February 2005, he represented Wake Forest in Tulane Law School's annual Moot Court invitational competition. His Moot Court team (Andrew and two teammates) advanced to the quarterfinal round. He received awards for "Best Brief" and "Second Place Oralist."

Brandon Lawson, Columbia, Mo., worked this past summer for the Missouri Attorney General's Office in environmental protection. A third-year law student at University of Missouri-Columbia, he will graduate in May 2006. He is serving as the assistant managing editor of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution,* in which he was also published in December 2005.

Chip LeDuff, Camp Lejeune, N.C., is serving in Iraq and would love to hear from his Centenary friends. Email him at LeduffLD@gcemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil.

Amanda Mustin, Baton Rouge, La., is working as a law clerk at Louisiana Sea Grant Legal Program and as a research assistant to one of the LSU Law School's professors. She will be graduating from LSU Law School in May 2006. She is engaged to John Mattingly and plans to be married on May 27, 2006.

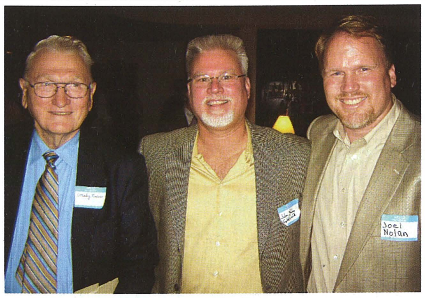
Tasha Rogers, Pearland, Texas, is currently working as a manager for Norris of Houston Salon and Day Spa. She is responsible for the front desk operations as well as customer service issues. In the evenings, she coaches competitive gymnastics.

Graduates Jonathan Ferrell '05 and DeAndre '04 and Kelsey Johnson '05 pose with National Alumni Association President Chat Reed '64 after commencement on May 7.

Houston alumni cheering on the Astros at a volunteer appreciation night at the ballpark are Neal Williams '97, Lee Fowler Brady '85 and Andy Brady '91.

Brothers Jack Boddie '44 and Harbin Boddie '46 pause in front of Harbin's longtime residence near campus on Oak Street. The house was donated to Centenary following Harbin's move to a retirement community in Spring 2005.

Sandra and Austin Robertson MBA '89 attend the premiere Donor Appreciation reception at the Symphony House on May 20.



Wishy Nolan '54 with sons John and Joel Nolan at the Coach James Farrar Celebration event.

Young DFW alums Carolyn Morris '01, Jerry Don Killian '01, Ashley Hunter '01 and Amanda Ellis '98 visit at the Frost School of Business reception in Dallas.

Former classmates Kathryn Boots '96 and Cathy Skarston '97 visit during an alumni gathering at Ozona Grill in Dallas, where recent grads were honored and welcomed into the DFW Alumni Chapter.

Lauren Stallings, Spring, Texas, is completing her second year on the Japanese Exchange and Teaching Program. She has been living in the town of Fujishima and teaching English at the junior high school for the last two years.

Charlie Starnes, Rosemont, Pa., has been recognized with an Overdyke Award for "Best Undergraduate Paper" by the North Louisiana Historical Association for his "Slum Clearance and Self Interest in Shreveport Under the James Gardner Administration—1954 to 1958." He took third place in the undergraduate division in Spring 2004. The paper was recently published in the *North Louisiana History Journal,* Fall 2005, Vol. 36, No. 4., which is edited by Centenary alumna **Gay Griffith Means '63.**

Sarah Sutton, Austin, Texas, is a case manager with the Arc of the Capital Area in Austin. She is also in grad school at Texas State University, getting an M.A. in marriage and family counseling.

Joanna Tagert, San Francisco, Calif., is attending the San Francisco Art Institute's Post-Baccalaureate program in visual art.

Jenny Trahan, Austin, Texas, is pursuing a master's in professional accounting at the University of Texas at Austin. She will graduate in 2006.

Natasha Wilson, Madison, Wis., is at the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Mallory Woods, Dallas, Texas, is working for Neiman Marcus Corporate in the Information Services Department. She is the project coordinator for the Human Capital Management System Project. She and husband Nick bought their first home in the Lake Highlands area.

2004

Sterling Allen, Austin, Texas, is in a master's program in vocal performance with a sacred music emphasis at the University of Texas. He is the full-time assistant director of music at Bethany United Methodist Church in Austin and is responsible for all non-traditional music and worship styles/services as well as three youth choirs.

Justin Breitschopf, Washington, D.C., interned at The White House and with the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security. See details at www.centenary.edu/news/2004/December/0006-whitehouse.html. Now he is an analyst for the Air Force team on the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Presidential Commission.

Eric Camp, Richardson, Texas, is attending the Southern Methodist University School of Law and working at Carstens & Cahoon, an intellectual property firm in Dallas.

Adam Dufour, Dallas, Texas, graduated from the University of Notre Dame, cum laude, with a master's degree in accountancy in May 2005. He joined Ernst & Young, LLP, as an associate in the Assurance & Advisory Business Services (AABS) practice of its Dallas office.

Melissa Guillory, Bentonville, Ark., works at Stepping Stones Children Academy in Bentonville, where she is the lead teacher over the toddler II classroom. She plans to continue with early childhood education until she is able to finish her elementary education degree. She is engaged to Matthew Weaver of Texarkana, Texas. He graduated with a B.A. in journalism in May 2005 from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. They plan to marry in May 2006.

Amanda Holloway, Tyler, Texas, is pursuing a master's degree in psychology and began a research study and teaching assistantship at Lon Morris College in August. She will also be the Dance Team sponsor.

Jennifer Maynard, Lafayette, La., is a graduate student at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette working on a master's in psychology.

Susanna Miller, High Point, N.C., works at Cold Stone Creamery as a store manager. She started graduate school at the University of North Carolina Greensboro in social work.

Jennifer Powers, Alexandria, Va., is a graduate student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She will complete her master of public policy degree, with a concentration in health policy, in May 2006. She is applying for Ph.D. programs in sociology.

Joseph Robideaux, Decatur, Ga., is the Metro Atlanta project coordinator at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta. Wife **Valerie Olsen '03 Robideaux** is serving at the same church as women's discipleship associate. They both attend Candler School of Theology at Emory

University in pursuit of master of divinity degrees. Upon graduation, they will return to Louisiana to serve the Louisiana Conference.

Ebonee Spencer, Lewisville, Texas, has taken a job as a health inspector for the City of Garland.

Meredith Stewart, Austin, Texas, is working on a master's in traditional Chinese medicine at the Academy of Oriental Medicine in Austin.

Noah Ward, Bangna, Bangkok, Thailand, is a high school math teacher at the International Community School in Bangkok. He is also coaching soccer. He signed a contract with a semi-pro soccer team called the "Londoner" in Bangkok.

Brandon Wollerson, Austin, Texas, will graduate in May 2006 from University of Texas School of Social Work in Austin. He will pursue a career in hospice care.

2005

Erin Broderick, Bossier City, La., is a full-time employee at McKay Consulting as an administrative assistant. She hopes to go to graduate school to get a master of fine arts degree in costume design.

Rita Coolidge, Austin, Texas, works for The Standard, where she sells life and disability insurance to companies.

Laura Daigle, Austin, Texas, is pursuing a master of music in composition at the University of Texas in Austin. She is slated to graduate in May 2007.

Malinda DeBusk, Panama City, Fla., married fellow Centenary alum, **Sean Gilder '03**, who is stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base.

Sherricka Fields, Shreveport, is a mortgage loan officer for Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corp. She originates, processes and brokers a wide variety of real estate financing transactions. She also does mortgage consulting and home ownership planning.

Kylie Garrett, Emeryville, Calif., is the director of marketing for the McMahon Mortgage team in Lafayette, Calif. She handles the creation and development of all marketing materials, coordinates seminars, monitors and organizes the client database, and develops various mail campaigns.

Jennifer Hayes, Jacksonville, Fla., is a tradeshow coordinator for Armor Holdings Products Division in Jacksonville.

Jessica Hayes, Jacksonville, Fla., will leave for Morocco in March as a Peace Corps volunteer. She is currently coaching gymnastics at World Class Gymnastics in Jacksonville.

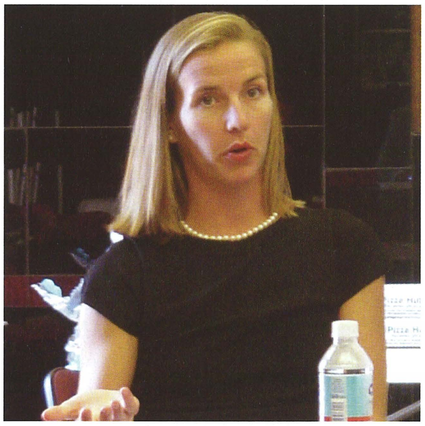
Janis Kelley, Keithville, La., received the Tip Davidson Award from the Health and Exercise Sciences Department at Centenary this past spring. This award was special because her grandmother had been taught by Tip. As a student, Janis volunteered with the Hal Sutton Foundation.

Laurie Stevison, Houston, Texas, is a graduate student at Rice University in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology.

Sara Thompson, Grapevine, Texas, was recognized with an Overdyke Award for "Best Undergraduate Paper" by the North Louisiana Historical Association. She captured first place in the undergraduate division in spring 2005 for her "Optimism Was Not Enough: Shreveport's Reaction to the Onset of the Great Depression." Her entry was prepared under the supervision of Dr. Sam Shepherd Jr., professor of history at Centenary. The paper was recently published in the *North Louisiana History Journal*, Fall 2005, Vol. 36 No. 4, which is edited by Centenary alumna **Gay Griffith Means '63.**

Lindsay Yearwood, Austin, Texas, is engaged to **David Campbell '01**. They will marry in March 2006.

Career Connections guest speaker Shelley Schneider Armstrong '00/'03 talks to students about starting a career in health and exercise science, emphasizing the benefits of seeking an advanced degree.



Martha Chaney Siskron '96 shares her thoughts on what it takes to become successful in the field of health and exercise science, mentioning the wide range of possibilities available to young professionals.

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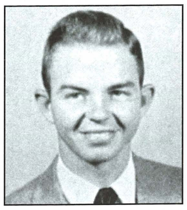
Founders' Day 2006 faculty and staff procession. Recognize any faces?

CENTENARY SWEETHEARTS: JANE MING & TOM ELLIS MET AFTER COIN TOSS

One in a series of how-we-met stories solicited from Centenary alumni.



"We met in 1948 at Choir Camp, which was held each year at Camp Beene Aire on Lake Bistineau the week before classes started. At the end of the week, when we prepared to go to our dorms, there were three fellows and three girls who had become good buddies and we all decided to go to a movie, but no one knew who would pick up whom at the dorm. So, the boys flipped a coin—and Tom (known as Tommy then) got me! And, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

"Three years later, six weeks before our graduation, we were married. Many of the choir members were in our wedding in Beaumont, Texas. And, Cheesy Voran, the choir director, who was constantly 'playing cupid,' was our soloist. Recently, we celebrated our 55th anniversary. If we had that nickel still, we would frame it!

"Tom, a geologist, retired in December 2004 after over 50 years in the oil business—the last 10 as an independent. We live in Houston, in the Katy area, and have four daughters, who with their families, which include five grandchildren, also live in Houston. What a blessing!

"We have Centenary to thank not only for a great education, but as a place to make lasting friends and wonderful memories. And, best of all, for bringing us together."

—Jane Ming Ellis '51

Marriages

Tommy Hickcox '61, Baton Rouge, La., and Jean N. Winters, July 29, 2005

Teri Oates '82, Folsom, Calif., and Robert Rosenzweig, March 30, 2005

Robin Dauterive '90, Newton, Mass., and Natalie Runyan, June 19, 2004

Jared Millet '92, Mobile, Ala., and Lea Greenwood, 2002

Karen Townsend '92, Statesboro, Ga., and Keith L. Murphree, July 2, 2005

Amy Warren '96, Charlotte, N.C., and **Daniel Hollister Warren '96,** October 2005

Susan Moore '97, Shreveport, La., and Lance Feibel, Dec. 31, 2005

Katharine Harper '98, Cedar Park, Texas, and Bill McCormick, Dec. 2, 2005

Amanda Soderberg '98, Dallas, Texas, and **Ian Sadler '98,** March 12, 2005

Shaun Jackson '99, San Antonio, Texas, and Jennifer Brown, June 4, 2005

Catherine Cabaniss '00, Memphis, Tenn., and Robert F. Sharpe Jr., Dec. 31, 2005

Thomas Foster '00, Sugar Land, Texas, and Kirsten Lewis, July 9, 2005

Jennifer Smith '00, Shreveport, La., and Trey Jackson, Dec. 18, 2004

Sarah Dewitt '01, Shreveport, La., and Paul Cox, October 2005

Rebekah Snider '02, Lake Charles, La., and **Travis Leger '02,** Feb. 5, 2005

Jean Ancelet '03, Scott, La., and Arminda Leianne Montgomery, June 18, 2005

Kristin Cochran '04, Shreveport, La., and Ben Hunsicker, May 21, 2005

Julie Watkins '04, Alexandria, Va., and **Aaron Elrod '05,** May 21, 2005

Casey Muller '04, Denham Springs, La., and **Katherine Ruth Willis '05,** May 28, 2005

Valerie McDonald '04, Bossier City, La., and **Jesse Perez,** Jan. 1, 2005

Births

Karin Barnard Adams '92, Annandale, Va., son, Keaton John, Feb. 10, 2005

John and **Kerry Bujarski Bleil '99,** Haughton, La., daughter, Sarah Maxine, Feb. 22, 2005

Desiree and **Jonathan Chamberlain '96,** Charlotte, N.C., daughter, Adah Elizabeth, Sept. 20, 2005

Jason and **Brooke Earles Dunand '00,** Baton Rouge, La., daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, April 10, 2005

Heather Mahaney Gordon '99, St. Louis, Mo., son, Nicholas Aaron, July 6, 2005

Isaac and **Kristen Kleine Hands '96,** Lexington, Ky., daughter, Katherine "Kate" Jane, May 11, 2005

Scott '90 and **Beth Rhoads Hughes '94,** Shreveport, La., daughter, Merritt Elizabeth, June 13, 2005

Erik and **Meredith Carlisle Johnson '93,** Oakland, Calif., son, William Carlisle, June 18, 2005

Ken and **Michelle Nicholson Kieklak '93,** Fayetteville, Ark., daughter, Mia Leigh, June 8, 2005

Keegan '97 and **Kristen Mavico McConnell '97,** Flower Mound, Texas, son, Hayden Daniel, Feb. 2, 2005

Stephen and **Lila Riggs Niswanger '94,** Little Rock, Ark., daughter, Stephanie Lee, March 1, 2005

David and **Heather Horton Reisman '88,** Austin, Texas, son, Adam Eli, Dec. 10, 2004

Cory '93 and **Dena Rieger '91 Rogers,** Tulsa, Okla., son, Carson Luke, June 2, 2005

Padrig and **Holly Rice Sexton '94,** Ypsilanti, Mich., son, Colin Timothy, Oct. 27, 2005

David and **Dana Osborn Sours '91,** Dallas, Texas, son, Jacob Michael, March 5, 2004

Josh '99 and **Christin Lawrence '02 Stoner,** Columbia, Mo., son, Jarrett Michael, May 29, 2005

Amanda and **Chase Waites '91,** Metairie, La., son, Sawyer Joseph, Feb. 4, 2005

In Memoriam

Julia LeGere Pullen '26
Sept. 2, 2005

Libby Irwin Carroll '30
April 2, 2005

Catherine Vaughan Stinson '31
July 11, 2005

Carroll Feist '32
July 29, 2005

Emily Harding Yauger '33
March 27, 2005

Jeanette Staman Reeves '35
April 21, 2005

Lois Jeter Allen '36
March 8, 2005

George Pearce '36
Feb. 21, 2005

Frank Bailey '39
March 11, 2005

Virginia Carlton '39
July 14, 2005

Mack Krentel '39
July 14, 2005

Claire Gleason Watson '39
March 29, 2005

John Clark '40
Feb. 20, 2005

John Manson '40
May 22, 2005

Eilleen Maynard Clark '41
Feb. 22, 2005

Ann McFadden Jackson '41
June 1, 2005

Frances Goodson Word '41
Aug. 20, 2005

Mary Pankey Smyth '42
March 29, 2005

Gene Hilliard '43
July 13, 2005

Tom Peyton '43
Aug. 11, 2005

Jean Norstrom Allred '44
July 22, 2005

Myrna Murph Petty '44
Feb. 5, 2005

Guy Feducia '46
March 12, 2005

Albert Hatcher '46
Jan. 29, 2005

Marilyn Miller Carlton '47
May 5, 2005

Jane Riggs Claibourne '47
April 25, 2005

Charles Evans '47
April 25, 2005

Powell Joyner '47
March 10, 2005

Andy Foreman '48
Nov. 2, 2005

Janet Crawford Moore '48
April 18, 2005

Joe Sedberry '49
March 19, 2005

Roscoe White '49
July 27, 2005

Johnie Howard '50
June 13, 2005

Betty Flournoy Johnson '50
July 5, 2005

Max Renov '50
March 28, 2005

Alfred Francis '52
June 5, 2005

Clara Koenig Gibson '52
Feb. 2, 2005

R. F. Gates '54
Feb. 2, 2005

Bill Jacocks '54
June 13, 2005

George Gray '55
Aug. 16, 2005

Pauline Robertson Overdyke '55
June 7, 2005

Marguerite Byram Whitehead '55
March 3, 2005

Warren Day '57
May 29, 2005

Llewellyn Cook '58
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Joann Horton Goodwin '58
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Kenneth Cummings '59
April 28, 2005

Courtney Craighead '61
June 19,2005

Charles Barber '62
April 30, 2005

Jud Bender '62
March 16, 2005

Clyde McArty '62
June 22, 2005

Lucy DeSpain Furr '63
April 15, 2005

Albert Rios '66
July 26, 2005

Shelton Cook '74
April 16, 2005

Joanne Austin Harris '79
Feb. 19, 2005

Charlotte Blakely Evans '82
June 23, 2005

Dana Mathewson '82
Sept. 27, 2005

Chad Maclies '05
May 3, 2005

David Thomas
April 2, 2005

Golf enthusiast, magazine editor and entrepreneur inspires students

Lorin Anderson '88

"I was just a skinny little golfer from Illinois," admits Lorin Anderson, '88, a 17-year veteran editor of some of the world's largest golf publications. "I managed to get the attention of the Centenary golf coach who helped me get a scholarship… [My career] has been a very satisfying journey that has combined my experience in golf with a liberal arts education."

Anderson's candor was well-received as he spoke about his background in golf and magazine editing at Career Connections, a monthly event hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations. Each month, alumni are invited back to campus to share their career experiences with current Centenary students. Thus far, representatives of the legal, medical, pharmaceutical, exercise science and communication professions have come to talk with students over pizza in the hopes of answering any career-related questions they may have.

Having graduated from Centenary with a bachelor of science in business administration, Anderson immediately snagged an internship at *Golf Digest*, thanks to a Centenary connection. Dr. Charles Beaird, professor emeritus of philosophy, put in a good word for Anderson with the owner of *Golf Digest*. Soon after the magazine received Anderson's résumé, he was offered a six-month internship, which eventually led to the magazine's offering him a job.

After working at *Golf Digest* for several years, Anderson hung his hat at *GOLF Magazine*, developing a "Top 100 Golf Teachers" list. This turned out to be a venture that would pique his career and domino into other profitable opportunities. Most recently, Anderson launched Lorin Anderson Consulting, a firm that connects media personnel to members of the golf industry.

ADVICE FROM AN EXPERT

Anderson gave career preparation advice to the students in attendance at Career Connections. He urged students to develop flexible career objectives and appreciate their diverse skills.

"The road is not straight anymore," Anderson emphasized. "Few people will stay in the same job for 40 years. You need to be prepared to make adjustments and go with changing technologies and changing demands."

Internships, networking and practical experience were next on Anderson's list. While at Centenary, Anderson worked for the *Conglomerate,* exploring the advent of desktop publishing. He also interned with local sports anchor Bob Griffin at KSLA-TV Channel 12 News. Through these experiences and others, he came to realize the importance of making good contacts and gaining practical skills.

"Work in some professional offices. Ask for business cards. Get to know who they are and let them know who you are. Don't be afraid to ask a lot of questions…And don't forget that most employers would rather see an A/B student with experience than a straight-A student with none."

MAKING THE CONNECTION

Gail Creighton, a junior communication major from Shreveport, came to Career Connections because she wanted to have some of her questions answered.

"I wanted to know 'What can I do with my degree?' and [Anderson] has helped me realize some new options."

Through Anderson's example of fusing several of his interests—golf, business and editing—Creighton has decided to explore ways to combine her interests in art and communication.

"Maybe I could one day work at *American Artist* or some other art magazine," Creighton said.

It's clearly a case of one journey inspiring another. ❧ **KJ**

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Taken (and given) by storm

Carla Madison LeBoeuf '92 reflects on what the recent hurricanes have taken away and, ironically, restored to the people of South Louisiana

LIKE MOST CITIZENS of Southwest Louisiana, I wanted to help our new friends from New Orleans when they arrived at our shelters in Lake Charles after Hurricane Katrina.

Because my husband works out of town for a week at a time, it would be difficult to volunteer at the shelters with three kids, so I began a laundry ministry. I recruited many friends and neighbors, and for three Saturdays, we collected dirty clothes, passed them out and returned them later in the evening, clean and folded. It was quite a chore keeping everything straight!

Just a few weeks later, after celebrating my daughter's 6th birthday, our world changed forever—*we* were the evacuees. I have to admit that I'm usually the queen of procrastination, but fortunately, I had already packed our "survival kit" and gassed up the car.

So, on Thursday, Sept. 22, we headed to Shreveport. The rest of Lake Charles was packing and boarding up, but we got on the road quickly and beat the traffic nightmare. Beverages on this trip were strictly forbidden! I was worried that one "pit-stop" would put us in the awful traffic heading north.

We started off at the home of Karrie Bennett '92, but, because Karrie was expecting infirmed family members, we decided that we, being more mobile, should go to the home of Melissa Kelly '91. We stayed there for the night until the next evening and had a chance to visit with Kari Kaiser LaBorde '93.

Later that night, we loaded up once again to drive to my Centenary roommate's house in Holly Lake Ranch, Texas. Erin Harris Bremmer '92 had a separate living area for us. She and her family welcomed us and put up with us for two weeks.

We used to joke about living next door to each other and that our kids would be best friends, but we never anticipated living together after 15 or so years!

The kids enjoyed their first public school experience. No uniforms made the transition very appealing. We started off by being a show-and-tell of sorts. I made a king cake and brought it to my daughter Sydney's class as a way to break the ice. We were billed as "real, live evacuees."

As the storm began to devastate my hometown, I was in contact with my father, aunt and uncle, the three of whom had decided to stay in Lake Charles.

Fortunately, my aunt never lost phone service. My sister, Erin, in Kansas City watched one network, while I watched another. We stayed on the phone with each other, and as storm status changed, I'd call my aunt and dad and tell them what to expect.

> **"South Louisiana will one day be okay… We've still got what counts: our lives, our faith and our families."**

At one point, they painted a number three on the door so search and rescue would know to look in the house for three people. As dawn rolled around, they were getting up into the attic. We said our goodbyes at that point and then prayed.

As the water rose around their house, Erin and I watched, wondering if my family would be okay (they are okay) and if my home had survived or if we had become homeless. We were extremely fortunate. We lost a few shingles, my beloved gardenia bush and a huge pecan tree. The wind in my area came out of the east, so the pecan tree fell away from the house.

My family is one of the lucky ones. So many of my friends are homeless now. It is very humbling to have to wait in soup lines to feed your children, yet there was really no shame. Everyone was in the same boat those first few days after returning home: we had gas and electricity, but no food, and no stores were open. All the food in everyone's freezers and refrigerators was rotting. (A gentler word would not work here.) The smells were horrific.

We are truly happy to be back home now. All of our things are okay. We are all okay. South Louisiana will, one day, be okay.

Like anything worth having, it will take a very long time to dig out of this disaster. We have learned that the "things" are just that—things. We've still got what counts: our lives, our faith and our families.

C.M. LeBoeuf

Author of 2001's *'Drowning New Orleans'*
Attaway Fellow Brings News to Life

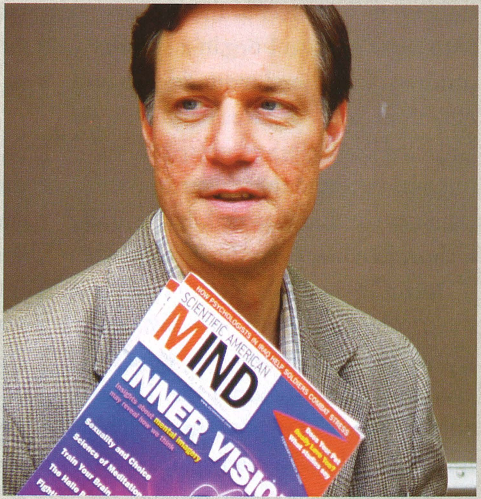
Mark Fischetti, a freelance science journalist and editor from Lenox, Mass., and contributing editor to *Scientific American* magazine, returned to Centenary for the second time as an Attaway Fellow in Civic Culture during the week of Feb. 6–10.

Fischetti spiced up academic discussions with a potpourri of topics such as avian flu, prescription medications, Freudian psychology, the debate over levee reconstruction in New Orleans, emergency preparedness in the U.S. and environmentally friendly SUVs.

He untiringly lectured in eight classes and presented two public talks, "New Orleans: Now What?" and "Beating Bird Flu." His challenge to students at the Fischetti Memorial Ping Pong Tournament (aka "The Centenary Open") was met with much competition. Despite his reputation for extraordinary finesse, Fischetti was decidedly defeated in the first round.

Fischetti may not be a current Ping Pong champion, but he recently gained international prominence when his 2001 article, "Drowning New Orleans," in *Scientific American* discredited claims from FEMA and The White House that no one could have predicted the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina. Since Fischetti had already predicted exactly what could (and did) happen, he appeared as an expert on *CNN, NBC's Meet the Press* with Tim Russert, the *History Channel, NPR News* and other international media. He has just published "Protecting New Orleans" in *Scientific American* (Feb. 2006), which presents engineering solutions to protect the city and delta from future storms.

Fluent in other groundbreaking issues, Fischetti co-authored *The New Killer Diseases* (Crown, 2003), which included early warnings about bird flu, and *Weaving the Web* (HarperCollins, 1999), written with Tim Berners-Lee, who invented the World Wide Web. His 2002 article, "Why Not a 40-mpg SUV?" in *Technology Review* also presaged the current debate over how to improve the fuel efficiency of American-made vehicles. He also is co-editor of *Scientific American Mind,* a magazine covering the latest in neuroscience and psychology. In 2005, he received an honorary doctorate from Centenary. Fischetti is the first Attaway Fellow to be asked to serve a second residency.



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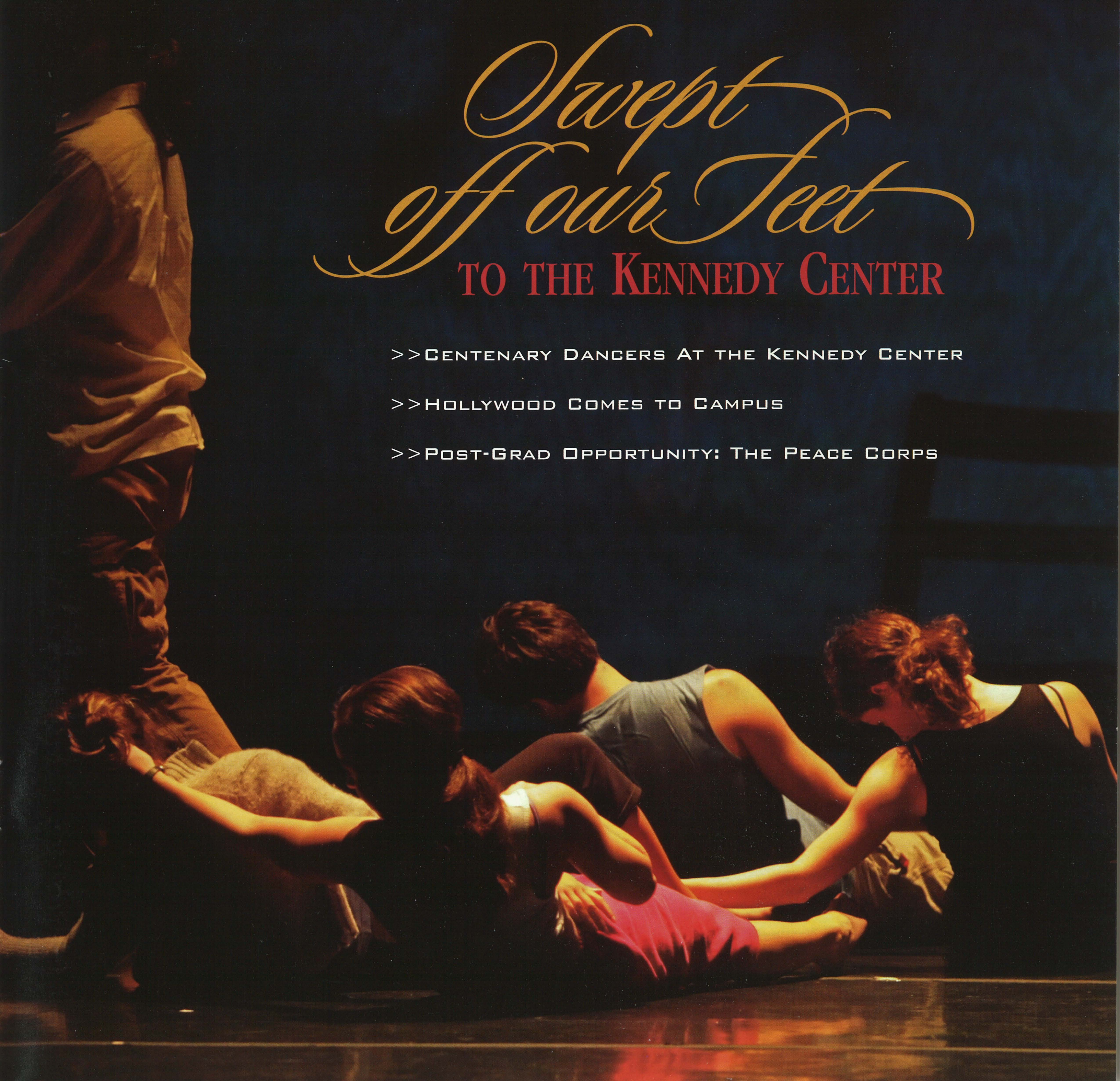

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Centenary dancers practice their nationally recognized routine, "Swept Under," which they performed at the Kennedy Center in May. See feature story on pages 26 and 27.

from the editor

Dear Alumni and Friends of Centenary College,

In the Spring 2006 inaugural issue of *Centenary Magazine,* President Kenneth Schwab and our magazine staff invited you to share your first impressions and to let us know what else you wanted to read in your Centenary publication. Many of you did just that and we greatly appreciate your effort in giving us valuable feedback.

Thanks are due to each of our responders because a magazine named *Centenary* cannot truly reflect its community if it is planned and produced in a vacuum. We have taken your suggestions to heart and have added several new features. There's a new department called "Faculty Focus," reflecting reader requests for more details about Centenary professors. In this issue, writer/associate editor Kelsey Johnson focuses on Dr. Harold Christensen, professor of economics and director of the Economic Education Center, who has been a faculty member at Centenary since 1980.

"Under Construction" in the FYI department also responds to the interests of readers who asked for more information about campus improvements and construction. Additionally, the expanded "Fanfare" section addresses those who want to see "more sports!"

We must also admit to beaming like proud parents over some of the compliments you were so kind to send our way after the birth of our new publication. There was the parent who wrote "Great job! Don't change a thing!" and the English alumna who penned, "Good editing! I didn't see any typos or misspellings." A non-degreed alumnus liked the FYI: College News section "because it had solid, brief info. Great photos throughout!" And there was the Christian education alumna who wrote on the readership survey: "very professionally done."

Thank you for your kind words and encouragement and thanks in advance for any future thoughts you wish to share with us. We look forward to signed "Letters to the Editor" in future *Centenary Magazine* editions. Perhaps you will wish to comment on current features in this issue or suggest items for future ones.

We look forward to your joining us on the journey as *Centenary Magazine* continues to evolve and to reflect so many of the wonderful stories of our unique community.

Lynn Stewart

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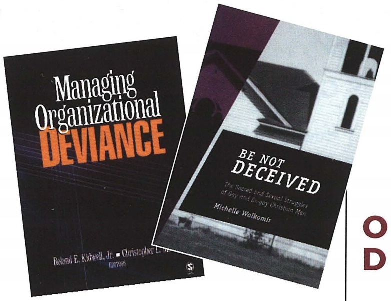

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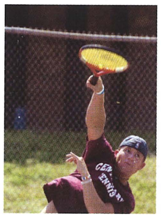

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION: *Campus Beautification, Building Projects Continue*

NEW SHEHEE STADIUM ENTRANCE IS SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT

Centenary dedicated its new entrance to the W. Peyton Shehee Jr. Baseball Stadium during ceremonies on March 25. Members of the late Mr. Shehee's family were honored at the event, and on the plaque are his wife, Dr. Virginia Kilpatrick Shehee '43; son, Andrew Shehee '77; and daughters, Margaret '85, Nell and Shane Shehee.

President Kenneth L. Schwab calls the sizeable brick entrance "a wonderful addition to our athletic complex."

SHEHEE STADIUM

50-YEAR OLD BYNUM COMMONS GETS NEW LOOK

Alumni, can you remember the 1970s when the steel trolleys served your lunch? Were you here in the early 1980s when all foods were casseroled and the KAs all stood for "The Rose?" Or the 1990s that ushered in the new millennium with swipeable card meal plans and the create-your-own-pizza bar?

That was then, this is now.

First built in 1956, and named in 1974 to honor Robert Jesse Bynum, Bynum Commons has already received two major renovations in its history. The structure is now undergoing a third transformation, peeling back layers of blue tile and flowered wallpaper to put on a more sophisticated, contemporary look.

The North Dining Hall was scheduled for completion in time for students' return to campus this fall. The new façade features Centenary's traditional Georgian look, but the inside introduces modern features.

The cafeteria is fully equipped with wireless Internet, several TVs, separate food islands to optimize traffic flow, booths and chairs for many different types of seating arrangements and a new outdoor seating area. The South Dining Hall will be renamed in memory of the late Centenary philanthropist Edwin Frost Whited '43 with significant donations provided by the Frost Foundation. It boasts many updates, including a retractable projector and screen for presentations, a new sound system, a mantle and paneling. A new Alumni Hall of Fame Room will also be installed. Centenary and Sodexho Dining Services jointly planned the renovation project.

MAKING STRIDES ON CAMPUS SIDEWALKS

The drive leading along the side of the Hargrove Memorial Amphitheatre and down to the Moore Student Union Building, which had suffered damage from the excessive weight of delivery trucks, has been completely repaved and flanked with maroon faux-bricks so that its effect is more like a wide pedestrian walkway than a driveway. Deliveries to the SUB have been rerouted to the Jackson parking lot to prevent future damage to the drive.

Other sidewalks in the heart of campus have been repaved, as well as a few near Brown Chapel and elsewhere. The walks are smoother and wider to allow access for wheelchairs, Facilities Services' golf carts and more foot traffic.

VISITING ATTAWAY FELLOWS TACKLE ISSUES OF GENOCIDE AND INTOLERANCE BY SHARING PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS

An engaging pair of young Attaway Fellows visited campus in April, sharing sobering stories about their encounters with genocide and intolerance. Zlata Filipovic, author of the bestselling Bosnian wartime journal *Zlata's Diary*, and poet/activist Melanie Challenger "aren't your ordinary lecturers," as one student commented in the *Conglomerate.*

Their weeklong stay included classroom visits and a convocation led by Challenger called "Memorializing Genocide through Music." She discussed how music is often used in wartime as an emotionally provocative tool to incite war protests and, conversely, to build cohesive armies through the stimulation of nationalistic feelings.

"Music allows you to remember, contemplate and memorialize—however briefly—what has happened," Challenger said, speaking of music written after peace had been restored to a war-torn country.

Challenger went on to describe her work with the Jewish Music Institute, an organization whose primary mission is to recover lost masterpieces produced by suppressed Jewish artists and musicians under the Nazi regime.

Visiting Attaway Fellows Zlata Filipovic and poet/activist Melanie Challenger.

She took on an artistic endeavor of her own by writing a libretto based on the original Anne Frank diary. Set to music intended to be accessible to the general public, the opera debuted before an audience of Holocaust survivors and British royalty at London's Westminster Hall for the 60th anniversary commemoration of the Holocaust.

CONTROVERSY NOT A DIRTY WORD TO THE FORUM AS DEBATE ENSUES OVER "MARRIAGE IN THE 21ST CENTURY"

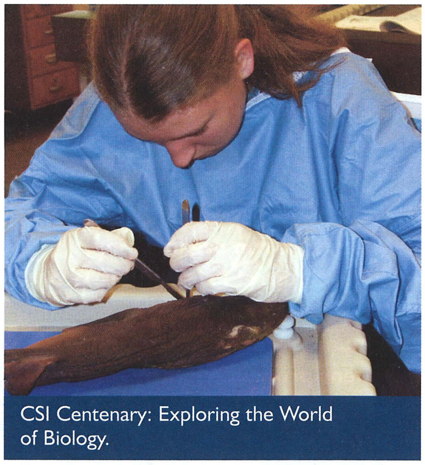
Welcoming hearty debate on tough topics, The Forum chose "Marriage in the 21st Century" as the social issue to be discussed during the March 14 and 21 sessions.

"We choose a topic, and invite speakers to present opposing points of view, but in the end, the students have the last word," said Dr. Chris Ciocchetti, assistant professor of philosophy, who helped found The Forum along with Centenary's Philosophy Discussion Group and Convocations Subcommittee.

Dr. Joan Callahan of the University of Kentucky, who has published her extensive research on ethical and legal issues, started the discussion. She was followed a week later by a panel of students and citizens from *The (Shreveport) Times'* Citizen Editorial Board. Both sessions were free and open to the public.

Past year's topics have been "The Death Penalty" and "Race."

CENTENARY FACULTY ENGAGE HIGH SCHOOLERS IN SUMMER EXPLORATION COURSES



CSI Centenary: Exploring the World of Biology.

Designed to pique high school students' interest in Centenary through experiential learning, this year's third annual Summer Exploration program attracted a record number of participants.

During two sessions in June, Centenary faculty taught six enriched courses that engaged students in activities as diverse as dissecting specimens and performing scenes from Shakespearean plays. Courses offered were: Computer-Aided Design, taught by Don Hooper; Creating Computer Games, taught by Michael Futreal; CSI Centenary: Exploring the World of Biology, taught by Scott Chirhart; Shakespeare through Performance & Acting, taught by Heather Hooper; Beginning Filmmaking, taught by Michelle Glaros; and Psychology Through Movies, taught by Matthew Weeks.

At the end of each weeklong session, the students' parents were invited to attend a "Meet the Professor" reception in the Sam Peters Building—another way for community members to connect with the College and its faculty and staff.

Participants come mostly from regional high schools, but a handful of them attend from out of state while visiting relatives for the summer. Several participants have returned summer after summer, and one former participant has enrolled at Centenary for the fall semester as a first-year student.

Dian Tooke, who has helped organize Summer Exploration each year, says the program is intended to get young people on campus to "see and experience Centenary before they start making their college decisions."

NUMBER OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES KEEPS CAMPUS FULL OF ENERGY

Athletic

1 Lacrosse Camp
3 Baseball Camps
4 Dance/Cheerleading/Marching Camps
5 Basketball Camps
9 Soccer Camps

Academic

4 Summer Orientation and Registration Events
6 Summer Exploration Courses

Religious

- Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
- South Central Jurisdiction Youth Ministry Organization (JYMO)
- Weekend of the Cross

Youth

- Upward Bound North and South Camp
- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Camp
- Jambalaya Jubilee

OUTDOORS SUMMER BAND CONCERT SERIES OFFERS COMMUNITY A FEAST FOR THE EARS

For the 36th year, Summer Band concertgoers brought their seat cushions, lawn chairs and picnic baskets to Centenary's Band Shell, enjoying four weeknight concerts this June.

Under the direction of Dr. Thomas Stone, associate professor of music, the band offered the audience a buffet suited to the most diverse of musical appetites. From Broadway numbers to the classics, concertgoers were even treated to a big band jazz concert with guest conductor Bill Causey Jr. and vocalist Karmyn Tyler, former Centenary student and Miss Louisiana 1995.

Other featured soloists included Shreveport native Mike Williams, lead trumpet player with the Count Basie Orchestra, and Centenary's own Dr. Tom Ticich, associate professor of chemistry, who played the accordion.

CENTENARY'S FIGHTING SQUIRREL PRODUCTIONS BRING BETTER THAN EZRA TO GOLD DOME

A student-run organization, Fighting Squirrel Productions, provides Centenary and the surrounding community with one major entertainment production each year. This April, Fighting Squirrel Productions brought two Louisiana-based rock bands, Better Than Ezra and The Terms, to the Centenary Gold Dome where they performed for a crowd of nearly 2,000 people.

RESEARCH FORUM PROMOTES ACADEMIC EXPLORATION

The 15th year of Centenary's Student Research Forum provided students a platform to present and discuss myriad topics. Students investigated everything from ethics in accounting and eradicating poverty to genetic immunotherapy for prostate cancer and the theodicy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Poster Session winners were Beth Thompson, who presented her research on the effects of high calcium concentration on larvae, and Kelly Waterhouse for her research on yeast casein kinase 2.

Tying for first place in the Natural Sciences Session were Brett Martin and Courtney Rome. Humanities Session winners Courtney Lacy and Kacie Lopez presented their respective religious studies research dealing with the debate on intelligent design and traditional gender roles within the American family.

Mary Noon took first place in the Social Sciences Session for her research on sexual harassment. Second place went to Lauren Frost for her research on wage differentials according to race and social status.

THE CENTER FOR FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS BRINGS SIBLING AND COUSIN TEAM EXPERT TO CAMPUS

Family business consultant Drew Mendoza conducted a workshop on "Sibling and Cousin Teams" May 17 as a guest of the Frost School of Business, Center for Family-Owned Business.

Participants learned strategies for family businesses from Mendoza, author of *Making Sibling Teams Work: The Next Generation* and managing principal of the Family Business Consulting Group of Marietta, Ga. Some 30 families attended.

Membership in Centenary's Center for Family-Owned Business can be arranged by calling Dr. Chris Martin at 318.869.5149 or emailing him at cmartin@centenary.edu.

Education Department faculty (l to r) are: Ilka Vaitkus, Dr. Karen Soul, Dr. Sue Hernandez, Dr. Norma Jean Little, Dr. Robert Prickett and (not pictured) Dr. Sharon Little .

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SEEKS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

This fall, the Centenary Education Department will lead an effort to gain national accreditation for Centenary College from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The Education Department began preparing in the year 2000 for this initial accreditation visit, working diligently to redesign its education programs and gathering and analyzing data for the several required reports for NCATE.

The accreditation visit will occur Nov. 11–15. The visiting NCATE Board of Examiners will consist of five national members and four state members plus a state representative, who will review documents from the Department of Education; interview Centenary students and faculty; and visit Centenary's Professional Development Schools, which are Stoner Hill Elementary School, Youree Drive Middle School, and Byrd High School.

Centenary's efforts to achieve NCATE accreditation are led by Assistant Professor and Chair of the Education Department Dr. Sue Hernandez, NCATE Coordinator and Assistant Professor Dr. Karen Soul, Assistant Professor Dr. Robert Prickett and Administrative Assistant Mrs. Ilka Vaitkus.

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STAY TUNED! KSCL 91.3 FM GETS NEW BROADCASTING TOWER FOR REGIONAL TRANSMISSION

Centenary's campus radio station, KSCL 91.3 FM, has received approval from the Federal Communications Commission to broadcast as a professional public radio station across Northwest Louisiana, making it the farthest-reaching student-run station in the area.

Centenary purchased the 200-foot triangular radio tower, a neighbor to the Gold Dome, that was formerly owned by the Cumulus Group. This purchase will upgrade KSCL's original 150 watts to a more powerful 3,500 watts.

Student station manager Lacey Anderson and faculty adviser Michael Laffey have been working on securing "educational and attractive" programming such as BBC news and Centenary sporting events. On air 24-hours a day, KSCL will broadcast public programming while maintaining its signature uniqueness in the diverse personalities of student DJs and their eclectic music selections.

KSCL
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Centenary BOOKBazaar Celebrates Two Decades

As Centenary Magazine was going to press, the Centenary Book Bazaar was preparing for its 20th anniversary blowout sale with more books than ever—50,000 of them—offered to the public at bargain prices Sept. 8 and 9 in the Gold Dome. Thanks to the hard work all year long by the Centenary Muses and friends of the Book Bazaar, the annual sale draws over 30,000 people, many of whom come back year after year. That's quite a way from the first sale, held in 1986, when 5,000 books were offered from an empty store in Mall St. Vincent.

Opening-day crowd in September 2005 peruses tables labeled by subject at the Book Bazaar.

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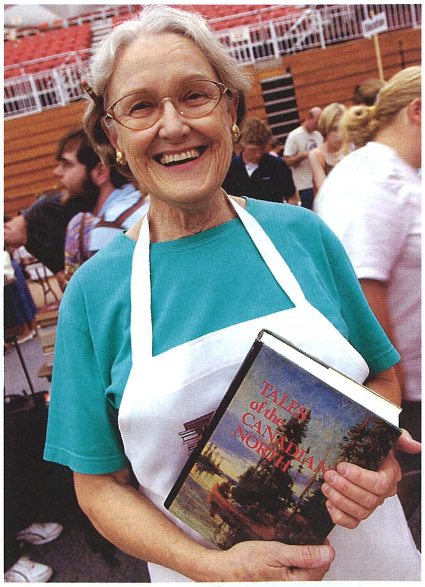
Fiction - Paperback
Politics
Presidents
Rare/Old

Some of the members of the Centenary Muses pose for a photo prior to the 2005 book sale.



Zoe Ramsey, volunteer extraordinaire.

GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT CENTENARY

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> **Chemistry**
> **Physics**
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> **Spanish**
> **French**
> **German**
> **Math**
> **Social Studies**

Requirements for admission:

> Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited traditional four-year liberal arts institution.
> 2.5 or higher college career GPA.
> Passing scores on the PRAXIS I PPST Reading, Writing, and Math tests. This requirement is waived if the individual has a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution.
> Passing scores on the PRAXIS II Content test for the area of certification the candidate is pursuing (e.g., Elementary Education content, Biology content, etc.).

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> Methods of Teaching Math and Science
> Methods of Teaching Social Studies and Language Arts
> Classroom Management
> The Special Needs Child
> Human Growth and Development

Take three more graduate-level classes to obtain the MAT.

> Theories of Learning
> The Language-Disordered Child
> Curriculum

SECONDARY EDUCATION

Take six graduate-level classes plus graduate-level Student Teaching or an Internship. Take four more graduate-level classes to obtain the MAT.

> Secondary Methods
> Content Area Reading
> Testing and Measurement
> Classroom Management
> The Special Needs Child
> Human Growth and Development

Take four additional courses needed for MAT.

> Theories of Learning
> Curriculum
> Curriculum Innovations
> Philosophy

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The Executive MBA at Centenary is designed for the rising leader, with at least five years of professional work experience, who has daily responsibility for the management of people, projects, products, data or budgets within their organization. Our courses are taught from a senior management perspective with an emphasis on the business skills and knowledge that enable a shift from functional expertise to broad-based leadership and strategic thinking. If your goal is to develop both the competence and self-confidence to advance your business insight and leadership responsibilities, take a close look at the Frost School of Business Executive MBA program at Centenary College.

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Theology

Theological graduate courses are now offered on the Centenary campus. Persons who have completed their undergraduate degrees may take graduate courses taught by professors from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., and St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City.

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SUSAN BRAYFORD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES AND AUTHOR OF *LXX GENESIS: A COMMENTARY*

One could consider seven years a fitting length of time to complete a work of biblical scholarship. After all, Hebrew scriptures record the number seven as a symbol of completion (e.g., the week of creation).

Seven years is how long it took Dr. Susan Brayford to translate and write the commentary for her volume *LXX Genesis: A Commentary.*

It all began during her first semester at Centenary in the fall of 1998, when Brayford received a letter from a leading publisher, E. J. Brill, soliciting her contributions for their new commentary series on the Septuagint, the oldest Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures. This series represents the first English commentary series on the Septuagint.

Brayford expresses the surprise she felt at such an offer, which is "typically made to established senior scholars, not someone right out of graduate school."

"Although flattered by the invitation, I was reluctant to undertake such a long-term project. However, with the encouragement of my colleagues and the support of the College, I accepted Brill's offer."

Because of the demands of Brayford's teaching schedule and the nature of the project, she was unable to work on the commentary during the academic year. She dedicated every holiday break to working on the Genesis translation and commentary.

"It was always easy to answer the question, 'What did you do on your summer vacation?'" she jokes.

Luckily, during most summers Brayford had some help with the project. In 2000, she used funds from a Centenary summer faculty grant to hire then-student Elizabeth Prince Johnston '01 to do some initial work on the translation part of the project.

During the next two summers, Brayford and student colleague Connie Manning '03 collaborated on the project with funds from a Student/Faculty Summer Research Support Program grant.

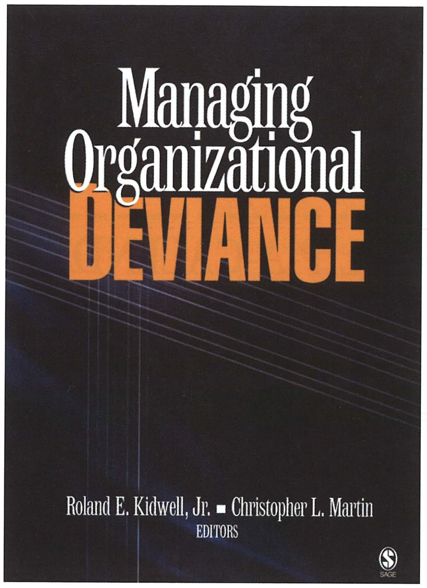
"Connie worked diligently to translate nearly the entire book of Genesis from Greek to English," Brayford says.

Appointed as research professor in the humanities from 2001 to 2003, Brayford found time to write a few chapters of the commentary. However, it soon became apparent that, even after three more summers of work, a yearlong sabbatical would be necessary to finish the project. Brayford simply needed an extended period to research and write without interruption.

"Fortunately, the Louisiana Board of Regents inaugurated a new grant, ATLAS, for people just like me who were in the final stages of a major project."

Supported by the ATLAS grant, Brayford managed to complete the draft of what turned out to be a 600-page manuscript and submit it to her editor during the fall of 2005. Brayford spent the spring semester making suggested revisions and writing the book's introduction.

After final approval from her editor, then from the series editor in June, Brayford received authorization to send the manuscript to the publisher with no additional changes. *LXX Genesis: A Commentary* is expected to be released in early 2007.



CHRIS MARTIN, DEAN OF THE FROST SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND CO-EDITOR OF *MANAGING ORGANIZATIONAL DEVIANCE*

Ask Dean of the Frost School of Business Dr. Chris Martin about deviant behavior in organizations, and he'll point to recent headlines in the *Wall Street Journal* noting the prevalence of bullying bosses, employees attacking their companies and bosses via the Web, and of course, the reckless leadership and illegal acts at Enron, WorldCom and HealthSouth.

However, Martin also argues that not all deviant behavior is destructive to organizations, and, in fact, is necessary to stimulate innovation and change. This is what he defines as "positive deviance" in his new book, *Managing Organizational Deviance* (Sage, 2005). He cites the idea of someone thinking outside the box, escalating conflict or taking risks as classic examples of positive deviance within an organization.

"I also wanted to acknowledge and address the ambiguous nature of deviance in organizations," Martin says. "Deviance can be good or bad, beneficial or harmful, depending on the nature of the norms and the nature of the deviant behavior.

"Up until the 1970s, managers practiced conflict 'resolution.' Today, managers practice conflict 'management' and understand the pros and cons of too much or too little conflict within their organizations. We look at a variety of other forms of deviance in this same vein."

Martin broadly defines deviance as any movement away from the rules, norms or accepted behavior from a particular stakeholder group's perspective, be it the immediate workgroup, the company, shareholders or society at large.

"To understand the causes and consequences of deviant behavior in organizations, the book moves away from the traditional personality-based focus on deviance, to an examination of the role reward systems, organizational culture, context, leadership and group dynamics play. I wanted to provide students and practitioners with an understanding of the need to manage deviance rather than label it as a clearly bad behavior to be eliminated. In addition, managers need to understand how the actions they take influence both negative and positive deviance within the workforce."

The book is an extension of Martin's more than 20 years of research on organizational fairness, one of the triggers of deviant behavior. Coauthored and edited with Roland Kidwell from the University of Wyoming, *Managing Organizational Deviance* contains contributions from leading scholars in the fields of organizational behavior, organizational theory, human resource management and business ethics, who offer their informed views on topics that relate to managing organizational deviance effectively and ethically.

MICHELLE WOLKOMIR, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND AUTHOR OF *BE NOT DECEIVED*

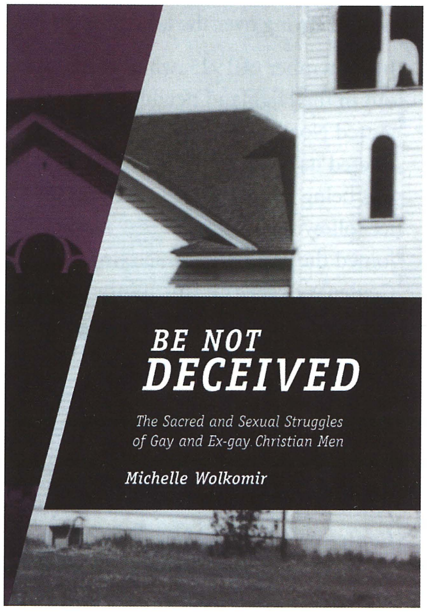
Dr. Michelle Wolkomir, associate professor of sociology and author of *Be Not Deceived: The Sacred and Sexual Struggles of Gay and Ex-gay Christian Men* (Rutgers University Press, 2006), has been named one of two winners for the inaugural Distinguished Book Award from the American Sociological Association's Section on the Sociology of Sexualities.

In addition to winning this award, which was announced at ASA's 101st annual convention Aug. 11–14 in Montreal, *Be Not Deceived* has been nominated for the Charles Horton Cooley Book Award in Symbolic Interaction.

In her 225-page book, Wolkomir explores the dilemma gay Christians face in their attempts to reconcile religious and sexual identities. She highlights the approaches of two ministries, the Metropolitan Community Church and Exodus International, which both offer very different solutions.

This book is the product of ethnographic research Wolkomir conducted in 1995 and 1998, initially spurred by Wolkomir's attending a gay and lesbian support group meeting, which she had done to fulfill a requirement for her graduate seminar in social psychology.

Wolkomir has taught at Centenary since 2000, and currently serves as an associate professor of sociology and codirector of the Gender Studies Program. She co-organized the Associated College of the South's 2006 Gender Studies Conference and has received various research grants and won numerous awards, including Centenary's Outstanding Teacher Award for 2005. KJ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The Sacred and Sexual Struggles
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upCOMING EVENTS

PARENTS AND FAMILY WEEKEND

Friday Sept. 22 and Saturday Sept. 23

Family members of current students are invited to join in the weekend's activities. Check out details at www.centenary.edu/familyweekend.

A MILESTONE IN MINISTRY: 100 YEARS AT NOEL MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

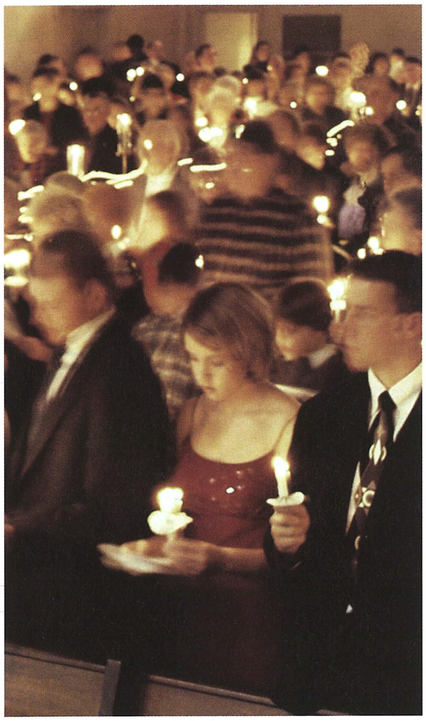
Sunday Sept. 24 through Sunday Oct. 15

Centenary trustee and Methodist minister Dr. Chuck Simmons '71 will be preaching at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, Sept. 24 at 10:30 a.m. to commemorate the church's 100-year anniversary. Following the service, church leaders will open the 1911 cornerstone, which contains historical documents and records of significance to the century-old church and the surrounding community.

Dr. Simmons will speak at the first event of a four-Sunday celebration, which will end with Homecoming Sunday on Oct. 15. For a full schedule, visit www.noelumc.org.

Centenary's ties to Noel Church have remained strong over the last century:

- In September of 1925, when a fire broke out in the Highland neighborhood and gutted Noel's sanctuary, Centenary offered its facilities while the sanctuary was being rebuilt. During the first service following the fire, 15 new members joined the church, at which time Centenary's then-president, the Rev. George S. Sexton, stood and said, "…let me be the 16th until this church is rebuilt."
- Noel's music minister Dr. A.C. "Cheesy" Voran directed the Centenary College Choir for three decades.
- Centenary's Brown Chapel was a gift donated by the Brown family, longtime members of Noel Church.



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Friday, Dec. 1

The annual Christmas celebration will be held at 6 p.m. in Brown Chapel, featuring Christmas hymns along with music by the Centenary College Choir and various Hurley School of Music ensembles, as well as scripture readings by students and a message from Chaplain Betsy Eaves. A reception and visit by Santa Claus will follow in the Magale Library.

CENTENARY DAY AT THE LOUISIANA BOARDWALK

Friday, Dec. 8

Get in the holiday spirit at the Louisiana Boardwalk for outlet shopping, dining and entertainment on the Red River. The Boardwalk will be decked out in maroon and white, and Centenary folks will enjoy discounts on food, clothing and more. Special music will be performed by Hurley School of Music ensembles.

CLIP-A-CALENDAR

MEADOWS MUSEUM OF ART

Aug. 20–Oct. 15

The Art of Haiti from the Collection of Dr. Henry K. Miller of Baton Rouge on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti

Aug. 20–Oct. 22

Louisiana Collects: Paperworks from the Roland-Geist Collection of New Orleans and *Cuba Plàstica: Recent Art from Cuba*

Oct. 29–June 24

Louisiana Collects: The Spirit of Louisiana

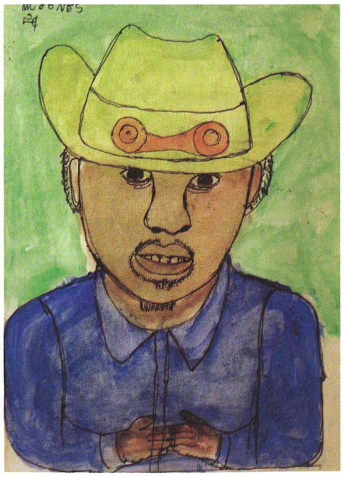
Nov. 12–Jan. 28

Louisiana Collects: Works by M.C. "Five-Cent" Jones from the Collection of Sam and Jan Wallace of Shreveport

Nov. 12–March 4

Louisiana Collects: The Folk Art Collection of Simone N. Hennessee and the late Rev. Dr. R. L. Hennessee of Shreveport

A complete schedule of exhibitions and events is available at www.centenary.edu/meadows.



M.C. "Five-Cent" Jones, *Self-portrait*

CLIP-A-CALENDAR

CENTENARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Sept. 12–25	Alumni Trip in Russia: Cruise the Passage of Peter the Great
Sept. 22–24	Alumni Leadership Board Retreat/Parents & Family Weekend
Sept. 28	Shreveport-Bossier Networking Mixer
Sept. 30	Alumni Tailgate Party, Baton Rouge
Sept. 31	Shreveport-Bossier Networking Mixer
Oct. 17	Shreveport-Bossier Lunch Bunch
Oct. 26	Shreveport-Bossier Networking Mixer
Oct. 28 & 29	Rhapsody in View, 65th Anniversary of the Centenary College Choir
Nov. 21	Shreveport-Bossier Lunch Bunch
Nov. 30	Shreveport-Bossier Networking Mixer
Dec. 1	Centenary Candlelight Service & Shreveport-Bossier Holiday Reception
Dec. TBD	Holiday Receptions in Baton Rouge, Dallas, Houston, Little Rock and New Orleans
Jan. 25–28	Founders' Day and Homecoming 2007
Feb. 18	Highland Mardi Gras Parade
Feb. 20	Shreveport-Bossier Lunch Bunch
Feb. 22	Shreveport-Bossier Networking Mixer

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As always, events are subject to change. Check www.centenary.edu/alumni/events for the most up-to-date calendar.

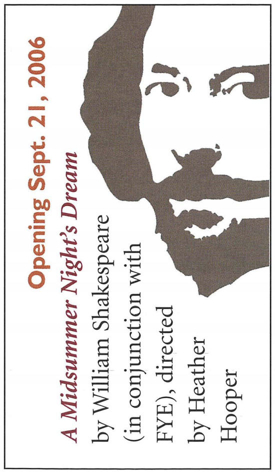
HURLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Oct. 2, 8pm	Hurley Orchestra
Oct. 5, 3:30pm	Faculty Recital: Horace English, bass-baritone
Oct. 24, 8pm	*Camerata, $10/ticket
Oct. 28, 7:30pm	Centenary College Choir Rhapsody in View, Civic Theatre, $8/ticket
Oct. 29, 2:30pm	Centenary College Choir Rhapsody in View, Civic Theatre, $8/ticket
Nov. 14, 8pm	Cantare and Chorale
Nov. 16, 7:30pm	Centenary Carillons Handbell Ensemble
Dec. 1 & 2	Wideman Piano Competition
Dec. 3, TBA	Wideman Piano Competition Finals
Dec. 4, 8pm	Hurley Orchestra
Dec. 5, 8pm	**Messiah* Sing-Along with Camerata, Brown Chapel, $10/ticket
Dec. 12, 7:30pm	Guest Concert: Shreveport Chamber Singers

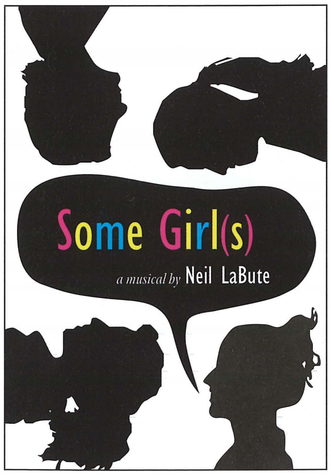
Unless otherwise noted, all concerts will be held in Anderson Auditorium in the Hurley Music Building. Most are free and open to the public. As this schedule is subject to change, call the Hurley School of Music office at 318.869.5235 to check dates and times. Concerts waiting to be scheduled are Wind Ensemble, Chamber Winds, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, and Junior and Senior Student Recitals.

**Camerata has been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall Feb. 18 and is raising money for the trip through ticket and CD sales.*

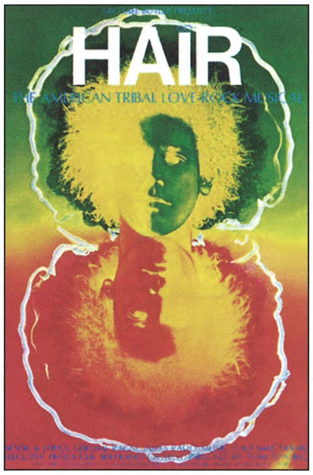
MARJORIE LYONS PLAYHOUSE 2006–07 SEASON



Opening Sept. 21, 2006
A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare (in conjunction with FYE), directed by Heather Hooper


Some Girl(s)
a musical by Neil LaBute

Opening Nov. 2, 2006
Some Girl(s) by Neil LaBute, an all-student production


HAIR
THE AMERICAN TRIBAL LOVE-ROCK MUSICAL

Opening March 22, 2007
Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical

Fourth show to be a premiere
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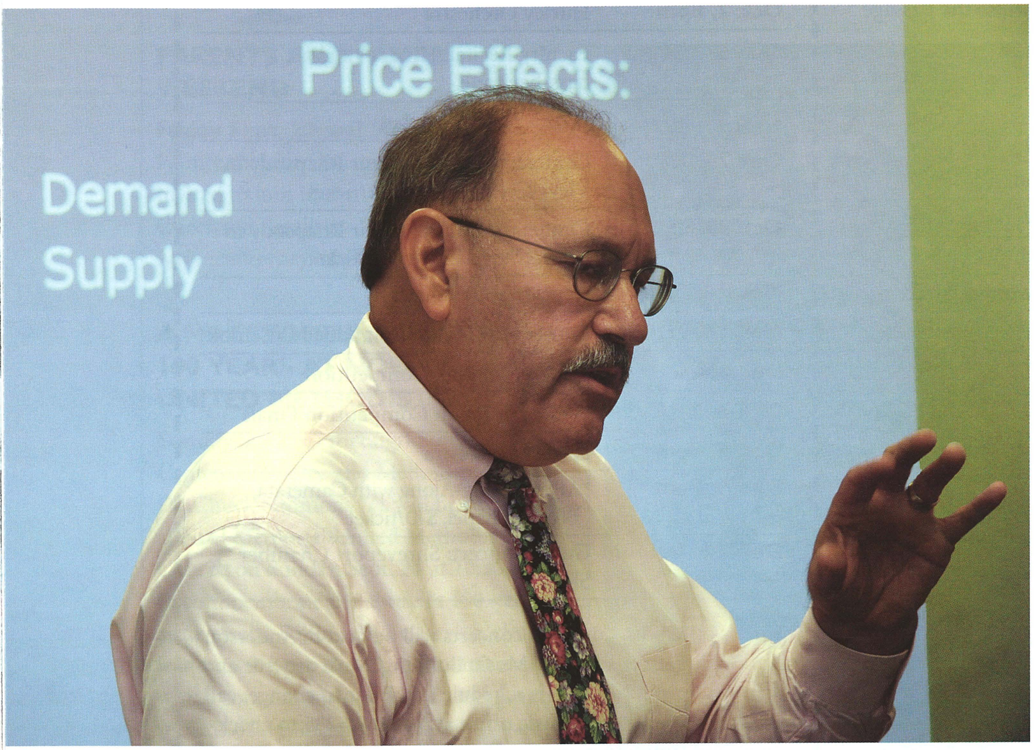
Harold Christensen



Professor of Economics

This fall marks 26 years. That equates to a total of 52 semesters——an outstanding tenure for Professor of Economics Harold Christensen. He has been at Centenary since the fall of 1980, when he joined eight other nationally recruited new faculty members that year.

Out of that class, Christensen is in it for the long haul, along with three of his colleagues, Professor of History Sam Shepherd and Professors of Biology Ed and Beth Leuck, who all share an equally impressive tenure at the College.

"Even after all of these years we constitute one of the largest groups of 'survivors,'" Dr. Christensen says with a hint of jest.

MODEST BEGINNINGS

During his first semester of teaching, Christensen was formally initiated into Centenary life by actually living in the guest room of Sexton Hall.

"In those days we still locked the doors at something like 10 or 11 p.m. and had male students who were paid to be dorm-daddies. Even at the ripe old age of 32, they made me feel like a dorm-granddaddy!"

From the get-go, Christensen was impressed with the strong community at Centenary and immediately forged meaningful relationships with students and colleagues.

A tough choice came during his second semester at Centenary when Christensen received an attractive offer to return to Oklahoma as an associate professor of economics and associate dean of the Business School at Oklahoma City University. He admits having been tempted just a bit by the promotion, pay raise and chance to

26 *years*

Shoes with or without socks?

Lace-up shoes with socks; you have to realize I still teach in a tie.

52 *semesters*

Where is your favorite place on campus?

My office, Shehee Field, and the small Chapel

return to his home state.

However, in considering the offer, Christensen concluded that there was something too special about Centenary to leave it all behind. He recognized, even after a single semester, the unique value of his relationships with students, the faculty's scholarly freedom and the general positive atmosphere at Centenary. It was then he decided to commit to being a lifelong Centenary professor.

SCHOLARLY PURSUITS

"At Centenary, most faculty have the freedom to teach, within reason, what they want and when they want."

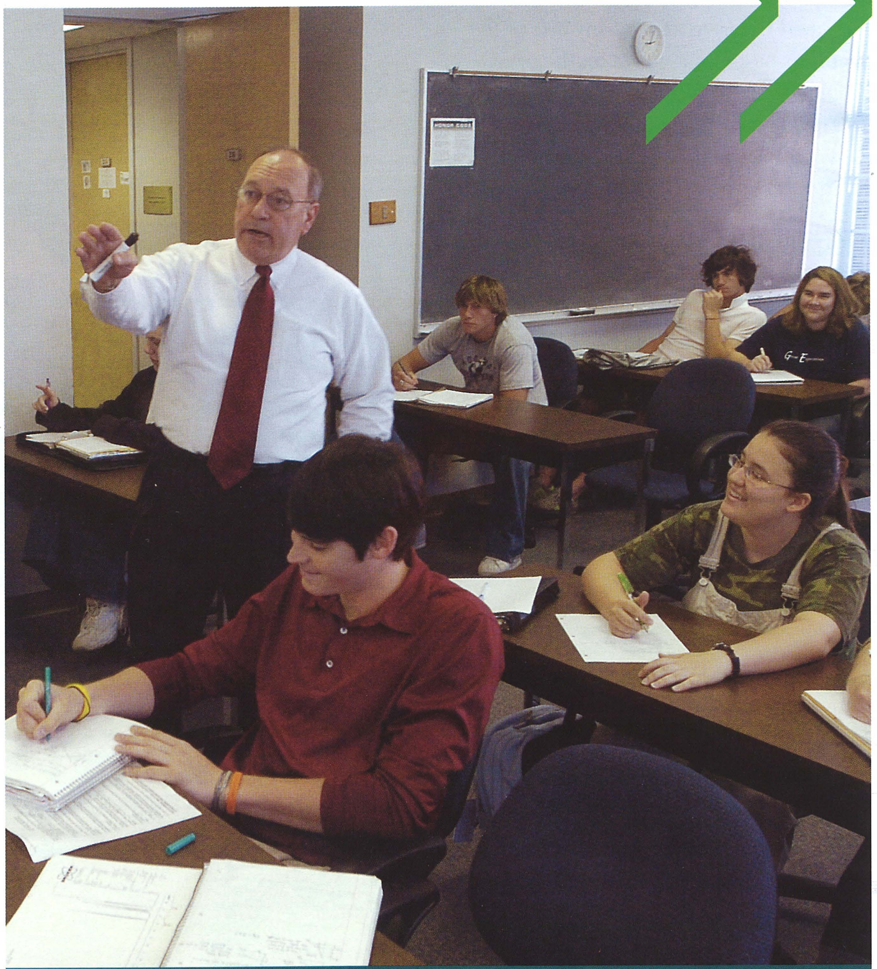
Christensen appreciates the flexibility in determining each semester's schedule with the support of Frost School of Business deans past and present like Hugh Urbantke, Barrie Richardson, Don Wilcox and Chris Martin.

Christensen attributes his interesting research projects to the fact that Centenary encourages and stimulates academic curiosity, especially in collaboration with students.

Through Centenary's special fund that allows faculty and students to do collaborative summer research, Christensen has worked with students Pepper Kaufman '02 to build a large data set of daily gasoline prices and Bryan Scanlon '03 to study early railroad development in the Ark-La-Tex.

This summer Christensen worked with student Matthew Frazier and Professor of Economics Dr. Betsy Rankin, researching the life-cycle decision to save.

"Collaborative research really sums up the Centenary experience—it's the combination of an exciting discipline, good students and a nurturing environment," Christensen says.



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> —PROFESSOR HAROLD CHRISTENSEN

TOP 5 CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

To summarize, Christensen cites these as the best memories of his teaching career:

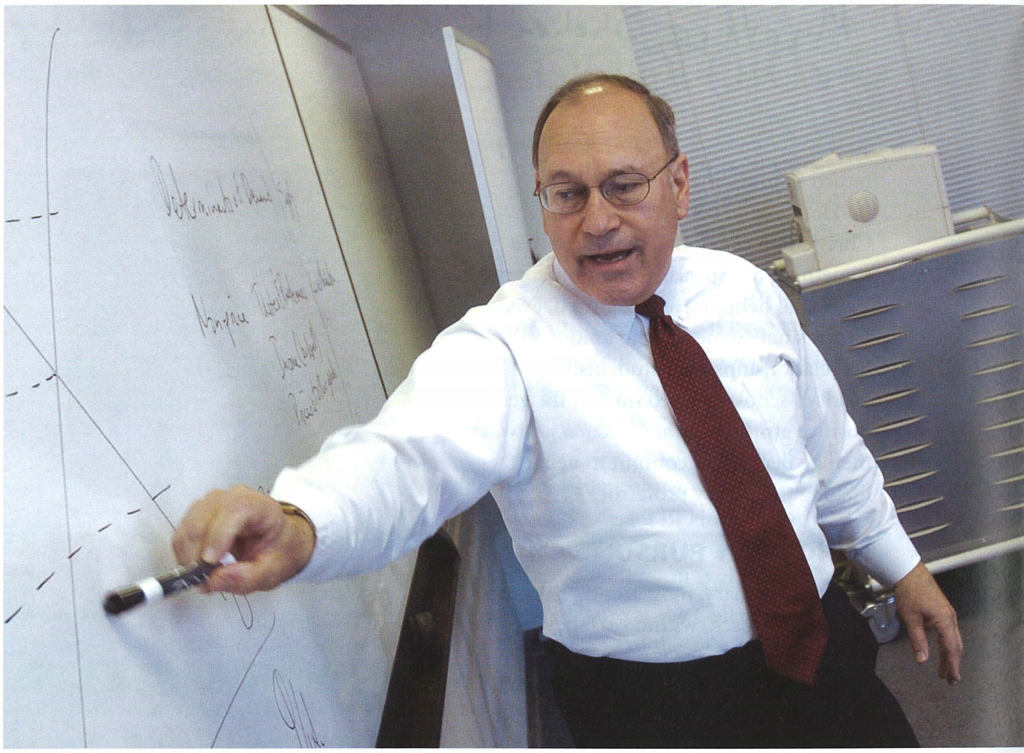
- Interactions with his students.
- His broad repertoire of courses, which has given him a great appreciation for and understanding of his discipline.
- Being selected in 1981 as a postdoctoral fellow in Applied Economics at the University of Chicago.
- Doing a study guide in 1988 with Dr. David Hoaas to accompany one of the time's bestselling books on the principles of economics.
- Having an article published in the *Encyclopedia of Keynesian Economics* in 1995.

CENTENARY RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Not only does Christensen's wife and valued colleague, Dr. Betsy Rankin, work at Centenary, but their children and children-in-law all graduated from the Maroon-and-White. The legacy includes daughter Annelise Christensen Clifton '92, son Josh Christensen '98, son-in-law Warren Clifton '91 and daughter-in-law Christi Carlton Christensen '96. **KJ**

Peanuts or CrackerJacks?

Peanuts, warm in the shell at the beginning of a double-header.



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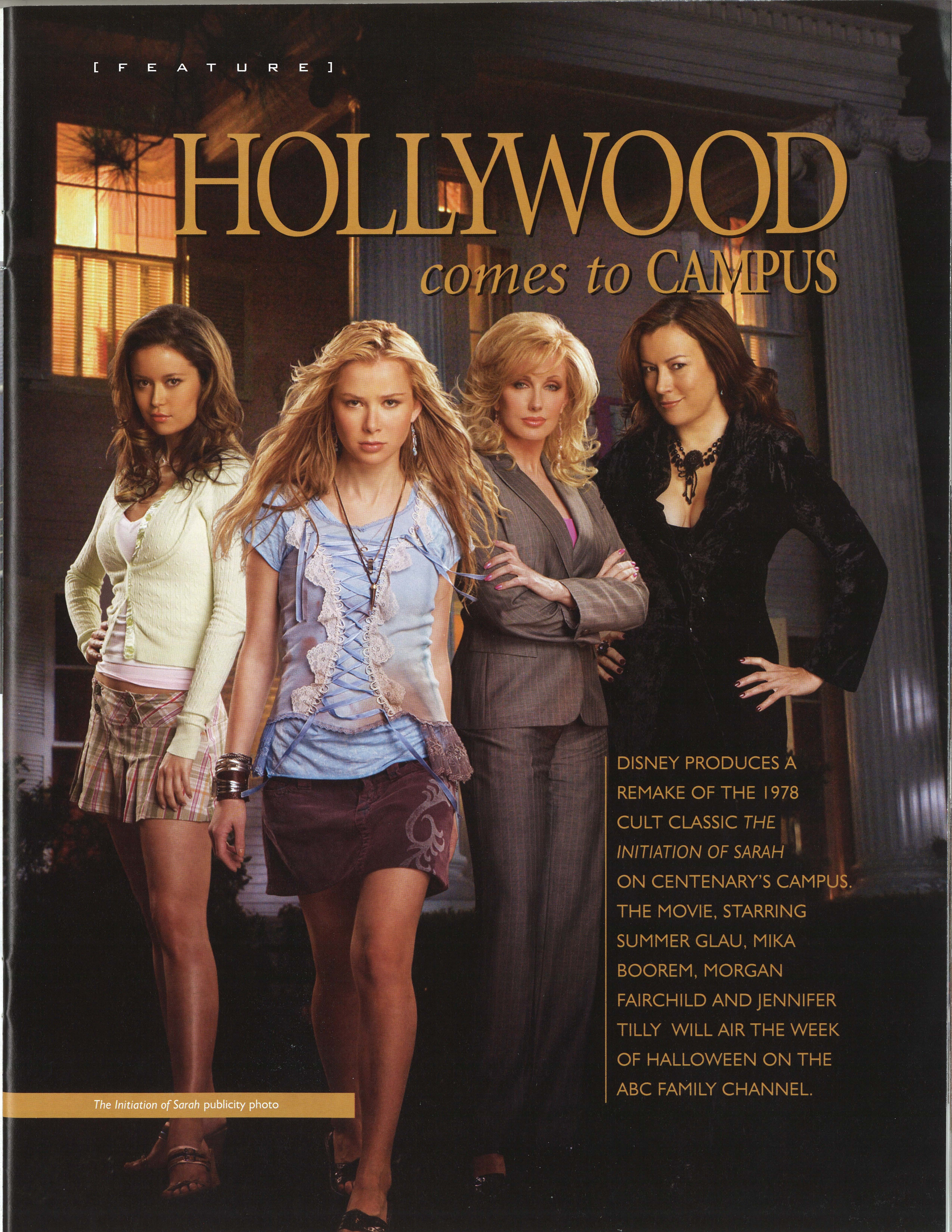
HOLLYWOOD comes to CAMPUS



The Initiation of Sarah publicity photo

DISNEY PRODUCES A REMAKE OF THE 1978 CULT CLASSIC *THE INITIATION OF SARAH* ON CENTENARY'S CAMPUS. THE MOVIE, STARRING SUMMER GLAU, MIKA BOOREM, MORGAN FAIRCHILD AND JENNIFER TILLY WILL AIR THE WEEK OF HALLOWEEN ON THE ABC FAMILY CHANNEL.

'The Initiation' films on campus

With hurricane-displaced television productions and motion pictures being filmed all over Shreveport and North Louisiana in the past year, it was almost inevitable that one would end up filming at Centenary and several others would continue to scout the photogenic buildings and grounds of the campus.

The first television movie to be filmed at Centenary is *The Initiation of Sarah*, which was on campus intermittently for two weeks in May. A co-venture between MGM and the ABC/Disney Family Channel, it will air during a series of ghostly-themed evenings leading up to Halloween "probably the Sunday before Halloween," said Lampton Enochs, its producer.

The Initiation is a remake of a 1978 TV flick that starred Kay Lenz, Shelley Winters and Morgan Fairchild. Enochs describes it as "a tongue-in-cheek take on sorority life and the battle between good and evil. It is written in the vein of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, that is, a few laughs and a few scares."

This time around the actresses are Summer Glau, Mika Boorem, Morgan Fairchild and Jennifer Tilly. Director is Stuart Gillard and executive producer is Hudson Hickman, a native Mississippian who was instrumental in locating the production locally.

"The campus is going to look great," Enochs said. "We're pleased that we landed here. Centenary added a lot to the production values of the movie.

Those who have been on campus will notice familiar locations but will note also that the magic of Hollywood has transformed the granite main entrance sign to read "Temple Hill University." And while much of the movie was filmed at Centenary, other locations around town, including the campus of LSU in Shreveport, were used as well.

Some of the Centenary locations for *The Initiation of Sarah* were:

- The Quad area alongside the columns of Mickle Hall and bounded by Hamilton Hall and the back of Magale Library, which was the backdrop for an opening-of-school day scene that seemed to be shot and re-shot for almost an entire day.
- Crumley Gardens, where a dam was built to form a small pond into which a stunt person was catapulted by means of a forklift and pulley arrangement.
- Anderson Circle, which formed the backdrop for the scene in which Morgan Fairchild's character returns to her *alma mater* and drops off her twin nieces on their first day of college.
- The Fitness Center, where the men's locker room was transformed into a ladies shower area (used because the ladies' locker room was "too nice" for the scene) and the dance room and gymnasium were also used.
- Hamilton Hall lobby, where a walled-in office complete with a stained glass window, was constructed and furnished for scenes in an administrator's office.
- A Hamilton Hall first-floor office for a view of actors walking past the Hargrove Band Shell and up the walkway to the building.

Behind the scenes.

Visiting "on set" in the Centenary Quad are (left to right) *The Initiation of Sarah* officials Lampton Enochs, producer; Hudson Hickman, executive producer; Stanley Pearse, location manager, along with Centenary President Kenneth L. Schwab and Congressman Jim McCrery, who happened to be on campus on one of the filming days. The moviemakers shared with the congressman their compliments about the state's tax incentive program, which drew their production and so many other films to Louisiana.

Cline Hall courtyard, where fake smoke and fire, along with firemen and hoses, portrayed the action around a mysteriously set conflagration.

When filming began during the first week of May, some campus constituencies wondered whether the movie's presence at that particularly busy time—just before commencement—was a good thing or not. Production trucks occupied parking lots, cables ran across campus and detours were common. The three early May days were necessary due to conflicting actor schedules. By Thursday, the filmmakers moved on other locations until mid-May, when the post-semester parking situation was much better.

Meanwhile, a scout and location manager for a motion picture starring Denzel Washington showed up on Friday, May 5, to look for locations on campus conducive to a 1930s-era film. Since then, Washington himself has made a tour around campus, though no decisions have yet been made concerning actual locations.

Earlier, representatives of *The Guardian*, starring Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher, and *Factory Girl*, starring Sienna Miller, had made several visits to Centenary, though neither ended up filming on campus. *Factory Girl* director George Hickenloper, a graduate of both Yale University and film school, commented while touring campus that a liberal arts education was the best possible preparation he could have found for the challenges of the film industry.

In all, more than a dozen productions have sent scouts, producers and directors touring around Centenary spaces and throughout Shreveport-Bossier locations. Enochs, who earlier had worked with the television series *Thief* during its filming in Shreveport, is one of many who hopes to help build the film industry in Shreveport.

"We would like to bring a lot of jobs to Shreveport and would like to see Centenary graduates look to the film industry for employment," he said. The former New Orleans production company consultant sees Shreveport as the best area in the state for year-round filming.

Already several Centenary alumni have worked with several productions and many Centenary students served as extras during *The Initiation of Sarah* and other films. There are opportunities for internships and chances to meet with various film industry professionals in class and beyond.

Communications specialist for Centenary Kelsey Johnson writes about her experience as an extra in *The Initiation of Sarah* on pages 18 and 19. As the film industry continues its expansion in North Louisiana, other Centenarians will have tales to tell about their roles in its growth.

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MOVIES IN SHREVEPORT AREA MEAN NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR CENTENARY THEATRE AND FILM STUDENTS

Having a dozen or so movies filming in Shreveport in the past year has brought the once-distance industry to the steps of the campus. That's been a boon for Centenary students following the film/television/video track in the communication program and those majoring in theatre.

It's one thing to talk about acting or filming in the classroom and entirely something else to shadow a director or producer putting together a feature film right before one's eyes. Or to work as an extra or intern. Or to watch the construction of sets and see stunts right on campus. Or to chat over coffee with a location manager or executive producer.

Along with the productions in town has also come a great opportunity to highlight Centenary programs and area attractions. Centenary's film/television/video track is structured to teach students to express themselves and communicate with others using various electronic and film media. The track description states, "With a liberal arts perspective and extensive production experience, students will have the opportunity to become creative artists and analysts of the media who have a strong sense of the complex realities of the role that film, television and video play in communications." Centenary's theatre and dance program teaches all aspects of creating a full-scale theatrical production, including acting, directing, costume design, set design, sound and makeup.

Though many of the Hollywood productions initially moved to North Louisiana following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the discovery of all that the area has to offer is attracting others beyond those displaced from the New Orleans area. Fueled by Louisiana's best-in-the-nation tax incentives, the film industry is a new growth industry in North Louisiana and Centenary students and faculty are poised to contribute to it.

The Initiation of an Extra

KELSEY JOHNSON '05, COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST FOR CENTENARY'S OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS, GOES ON ASSIGNMENT TO CHECK OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE AN EXTRA.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
10:14 AM
NEEDLESS NERVES

I can't believe I was actually nervous going to the casting call in the SUB this morning. I guess I assumed they'd make me audition or something. But, it was more or less a painless experience. Just fill out some paperwork describing yourself (weight, height, hair/eye color, etc.) and provide contact information, get your picture taken and you're done. No big deal.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25
1:53 PM
EXTRA! EXTRA!

I just got a call from the extras casting office for *The Initiation of Sarah.* The woman said they want to cast me as a preppy college student—and, as some of my friends have quipped, that shouldn't be too hard to pull off.

After explaining that the film, which is set in the fall, will be shot on Centenary's campus May 1–3, the woman from the casting office listed what I'd be required to wear:

- khakis, nice jeans, or a skirt or dress
- no white, black or red colors; only light colors, even pastels
- no brand names or graphics
- "loafers or clean, expensive looking sneakers" (What prep these days actually wears loafers? And yes, she actually said "sneakers.")

I'll report to the extras holding location at 6 a.m. Monday morning wearing my first choice of clothing while toting four other outfits for the wardrobe department to pick from. My hair and makeup should already be done when I arrive on set, and I need to bring my photo ID along with any "preppy props" like a laptop, books, etc.

MONDAY, MAY 1
6:06 AM
EARLY START TO A LONG DAY

The sun barely peeks over the horizon as the extras parade into the Fitness Center, carrying duffle bags, purses and pastel skirts on hangers. It resembles college move-in day on a predominantly female campus. Everywhere I turn there is a stereotypical sorority girl clutching a make-up case and teetering in her trendy heels.

Where are the guys? I wonder as I join the estrogen procession, feeling very much out of place in this miniature world of blondes in low-cut blouses. A few sleepy-eyed males finally stumble in at the rear of the line, trying their best to get it together so they can fill out the paperwork all of the extras have been handed.

Once we sign the paperwork, we are shuffled through another line in which people from wardrobe choose our first outfits from the three to four changes of clothes we were each instructed to bring. Some of us (namely the scantily clothed ones) were griped at for not bringing appropriate autumn attire.

The film is set in Oregon during autumn, but we were all decked out for a mild Louisiana season. Evidently there had been some miscommunication among wardrobe personnel because the extras were all given different instructions for outfits over the phone.

Wear the blue sweater you have on, but change out of those jeans and put on this khaki skirt and these white tennis shoes. I follow the lady's instructions and go change in the upstairs bathroom.

Moviemaker Jargon *How well do you know the language of the movie business? See if you can match the terms to the meanings.*

1 Quiet all around
2 Rolling
3 Action
4 Background action
5 Cut
6 Back to one
7 Pantomime
8 Wrap

a Act without using sound
b Go back to starting point for that scene
c Sound and cameras are recording
d Scene is all done
e Sound and cameras have stopped recording
f Cue for extras to start actions
g Cue for main actors to start actions
h Be absolutely quiet

ANSWERS: 1) h 2) c 3) g 4) f 5) e 6) b 7) a 8) d

When I return, most of the extras are still receiving instructions regarding their wardrobe, so I sit down to read and chat with the people around me.

Long rows of tables and chairs run the width of the gymnasium. I estimate there are close to 200 extras packed in the room, and I am curious as to my chance of actually being recognizable in one of the scenes being shot today.

7:14 AM
INTRODUCTIONS

One of the movie guys, Derrick, introduces himself to the extras, shouting above the crowd's noise to get our attention. He's a hefty guy with dreadlocks pulled back into a ponytail, boasting a huge grin and plenty of energy and enthusiasm to spare. He pumps up the extras, telling us how excited he is to have us all here. We'll look to him for instructions for the rest of the day, and he assures us that we can come to him with any questions or problems that may arise.

9:06 AM
SHOOTING THE FIRST SCENE OF THE DAY

For the next four hours we run one scene over and over in the Quad. It is described to us as the first-of-the-year college club recruitment fair where tents are set up and people mill around. We serve as the background for when one of the two leading actresses enters the Quad with a letter in hand screaming, "I got in! I got in!" We had to reposition several times for different angles.

Luckily, I am placed at a table under the shade of a tent while others have to walk back and forth across the lawn carrying heavy book bags as the morning grows steadily warmer.

I find it awkward at first having to pantomime with complete strangers. We pretend to greet friends back from summer vacation with enthusiasm, hugging and waving like we actually have a clue who these people are.

The grips run cameras over long tracks, and I learn to appreciate all the behind-the-scenes work required just to film a two-minute scene. Lighting, microphones, props, sound equipment, cables, personnel…it's a lot more complicated than I thought.

12:52 PM
WARDROBE CONFUSION

At lunch we get chewed out again by someone in wardrobe for not bringing the appropriate attire. She says we all looked too summery in our pastels, even though those are the colors some of us were instructed to wear when we got our callbacks.

What cracks me up is that this lady went berserk over the extras' wardrobe and yet one of the leading roles sported a tiny skirt and baby tee for most of the day. The skirt was so short that wardrobe had to use double-sided tape to prevent too much exposure! I want to shout in my wool sweater, "Why doesn't *she* have to layer?"

2:33 PM
AFTERNOON SIZZLER

Walking in a single file line, we return from lunch in the Fitness Center to the set and await instructions. The sun zaps us of all energy as we are broken up into clusters—a group of three lounging on a blanket in the Quad, six at a picnic table, two guys tossing a Frisbee, etc.

It seems that no one has brought any sunscreen, and as the afternoon heat begins to reach its climax, flushed cheeks and perspiring faces make us look more like a group of beach bums than college students enjoying an Oregonian autumn. We seek shade under the giant oak tree in the Quad, peeling away our layers of jean jackets and sweatshirts to expose our telltale summer clothes.

The movie people scurry around handing out snacks and drinks periodically, but most of us still feel dehydrated and exhausted. One of the girls gets a bad headache and a medic is walkie-talkied to bring Advil.

With the heat also come extensive hair and makeup touch-ups for the actresses who suffer along with us. We just have to do it over and over again until we get it right.

Extras mill around the Quad, staging a scene for *The Initiation of Sarah.*

Some extras take advantage of the wait by socializing. It's almost like some of the extras, who were recruited from all over the region, came just for the chance to get a phone number from an attractive twenty-something. I overhear many flirtatious conversations as I sit at a picnic table in full sunlight pretending to drink coffee out of a Styrofoam cup—thank goodness it's just water.

7:03 PM
THE REMAINS OF THE DAY

Cooler weather hardly refreshes us as we walk around virtually deflated from the day's work. We must wait to be released though, because if we leave early, we won't get paid.

All I can process anymore is that I have a killer headache and sore feet. I comfort myself, *Count your blessings—at least you didn't try to wear heels all day just to look sexy.*

Finally, we hear Derrick's voice booming to announce the end of the day. We follow him back to the Fitness Center to have our paperwork processed. He says our checks should arrive in two weeks.

9:11 PM
HITTING THE SACK

I'm not ashamed to go to bed early after a nearly 14-hour day. Sounds from the day echo in my head as I drift asleep: *Quiet all around… settle… roll sound… rolling… scene, take one (two, three, four, to infinity)… background… action… and, cut.*

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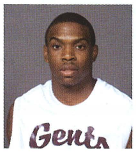
Transition Year Sees Progress for Gents Basketball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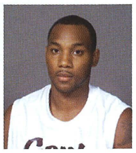
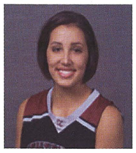

UNDERWOOD

The 2005–06 men's basketball season was a rebuilding year under first-year head coach Rob Flaska. The Gents finished 4-23 while getting used to new offenses and defenses brought by Flaska, a former University of Arkansas assistant coach. However, to really understand how far along the team came throughout the season, look past the win-loss mark. The Gents lost 11 of their games by 10 points or fewer, including five by fewer than five points.

Newcomer **Chris Watson** led the team at 14 points per game. The junior from Mississippi enjoyed several outstanding efforts, including six games scoring over 20 points and a season-best 32 points against rival Northwestern State in a 76-74 loss. The 2005–06 squad featured only three returners from the previous team. Junior **Jason Underwood** was recognized for his work in the classroom as he was named to the Academic All-Conference Team by the Mid-Continent Conference.

Ladies Basketball Guard Breaks Four School Records

On April 22, Steve Curtis was hired as the fourth head coach of the Ladies basketball team since Centenary reestablished a Division I program in 1999. Curtis inherited a squad that finished 3-24 but returns second team honorable mention All-Mid-Con performer and honorable mention All-Louisiana guard **Holli Wilkins.**


WILKINS

Wilkins set school records in steals in a game, steals in a season, blocks in a game and three pointers made in a game. She also finished the season ranked sixth in the nation in steals per game.

Softball Team Garners Awards, Player Appears in *Sports Illustrated*

RHODES

DORIA

LAIL

MANGO

DAVIS

FLOWERS

IVINS

MARTIN

MCCLAIN

POSTLES

WIEDEMAN

The Centenary softball team finished the 2006 campaign at 31-25, marking its third consecutive season with a winning record. The Ladies entered the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament as the No. 2 seed once again, but lost both of their games and were eliminated. It was the first time the Maroon and White missed out on the NCAA Tournament since 2003.

Several Ladies received postseason recognition for their hard work on the field. The awards began on the conference level where junior **Micah Rhodes** was named first team All-Mid-Con. Freshman **Emerald Doria** was named Newcomer of the Year while **Doria,** fellow freshman **Ashley Lail** and sophomore **Jennifer Mango** were selected to the second team. **Lauren Flowers** and **Megan Hall** were also recognized by the Mid-Con with spots on the All-Tournament Team.

The Louisiana Sports Writers Association also chose **Rhodes** as a first team member and tabbed **Doria** its Freshman of the Year. **Doria** and **Mango** were also named to the second team. **Rhodes** was also selected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-South Region Second Team and appeared in the Faces in the Crowd portion of *Sports Illustrated* during the season.

In the classroom, nine Ladies were named to the Mid-Con Academic All-Conference Team. The Ladies honored include **Dana Davis, Doria, Flowers, Jessica Ivins, Jennifer Martin, Allison McClain, Leslie Postles, Rhodes** and **Amy Wiedeman.**

Gents Baseball Team Proves to be Diamond in the Rough

BAKER

DARR

RYAN

For the third time in as many years of Mid-Continent Conference play, the Gents qualified for the four-team postseason tournament. As the fourth seed, the Maroon and White took eventual champion Oral Roberts to the brink, falling 5-4 in 10 innings in the tournament opener. The Gents finished the season 23-30 with an even .500 record in Mid-Con play.

Three Gents earned first team All-Conference honors: third baseman **Jimmy Baker,** designated hitter **Justin Darr** and outfielder **Tim Ryan. Darr** and **Ryan** were also selected honorable mention All-Louisiana by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association, and nine Gents earned Academic All-Conference honors.

Accolades Earned by Centenary Golfers On and Off the Green

Both the Centenary men's and women's golf teams qualified together for their first Mid-Continent Conference postseason play since joining the league three years ago. Ladies freshman **Jessica Garza** won her first collegiate tournament en route to three Top 10 finishes and a second team All-Mid-Con award. Four Ladies golfers and a pair of Gents earned Academic All-Conference accolades.

GARZA

Gymnasts Leap to the Top for Sixth Consecutive Season

SMITH

CORNELIUS

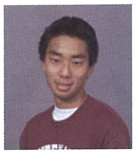
MENNE

It seems every April the Ladies gymnastics team is making another trip to the USA Gymnastics National Championships, and this year was no different. The Ladies qualified for the event for the sixth straight season and finished fifth in the competition. Sophomore **Meredith Smith** scored a 9.750 on the vault to become the USA Gymnastics National Vault Champion to highlight the journey to Ithaca, N.Y.

Julia Cornelius, Smith and **Kristina Menne** each earned USAG All-America awards by finishing in the top eight of their respective events on the opening day of the competition. **Cornelius'** effort came on beam, **Smith's** on vault and **Menne** garnered All-America status on both the floor exercise and in the all-around. **Menne** was also named Midwest Independent Gymnast of the Week during the season after winning the all-around at the Midwest Independent Championships.

Tennis Players Outmatch Opponents in Classroom

KOSTELANETZ



OKURA

COLLINS

KELLEY

MAJCHROWICZ

SHARMA

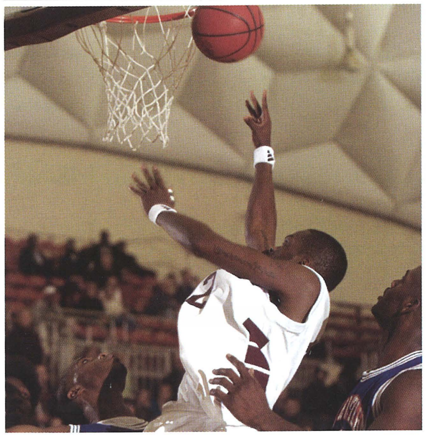
MYERS

STOPTAUGH

The men's and women's tennis teams landed a total of six players on the Mid-Con Academic All-Conference Team. **Seva Kostelanetz** and **Arthur Okura** represented the Gents while **Kristina Collins, Heather Kelley, Christine Majchrowicz** and **Versha Sharma** were the chosen players from the Ladies side.

On the court, **Kelley** led the Ladies with seven individual wins, including three in Mid-Con play. **Courtney Myers** matched **Kelley's** production, also posting three wins within the conference. The Ladies were 3-5 as a team within the league and finished 5-14 on the season.

The Gents did not manage a victory in Mid-Con play despite playing several close matches. The men did finish 3-13 overall, led by **Matt Shoptaugh's** eight individual wins. Playing primarily in the fifth singles slot, **Shoptaugh** also recorded a 4-1 mark against Mid-Con opponents.



HOME GAMES

VOLLEYBALL		
9/22	Chicago State	7p
9/23	IUPUI	5p
10/13	Western Illinois	7p
10/14	UMKC	5p
10/27	Valparaiso	7p
10/28	Oakland	5p
11/2	Texas Southern	6p
11/3	Oral Roberts	7p
LADIES SOCCER		
9/15	IUPUI	7p
9/17	Arkansas State	1p
10/13	Valparaiso	7p
10/20	Oral Roberts	7p
10/22	Miss. Valley State	1p
GENTS SOCCER		
9/23	Valparaiso	3p
10/7	UMKC	3p
10/14	Western Illinois	3p
10/30	Texas A&M	6p
GENTS BASKETBALL		
11/14	Texas State	7p
11/25	Wiley College - exh.	2p
11/30	UALR	7p
12/2	Nicholls State	2p
12/16	SMU	3p
12/21	Louisiana Tech (CenturyTel Center)	7p
1/4	Valparaiso	7p
1/6	Western Illinois	7p
1/20	Oral Roberts	7p
1/25	IUPUI	7p
1/27	Oakland (Homecoming)	4:30
2/8	Southern Utah	7p
2/10	UMKC	7p
2/17	Chicago State	7p
LADIES BASKETBALL		
11/6	Harding University	7p
11/11	Texas-Pan American	7p
11/18	Nicholls State	2p
11/30	Louisiana-Monroe	5p
12/5	Lamar	7p
12/9	Southeastern Louisiana	2p
12/30	McNeese State	2p
1/6	Western Illinois	4p
1/8	Valparaiso	7p
1/20	Chicago State	4p
1/22	Oral Roberts	7p
1/27	Oakland (2)	2p
1/29	IUPUI	7p
2/10	UMKC	4p
2/12	Southern Utah	7p

PEACE CORPS

Proves to Be Rewarding Option for Centenary Graduates

HISTORICALLY, 29 CENTENARY GRADUATES HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE PEACE CORPS, AVERAGING ONE VOLUNTEER PER GRADUATING CLASS FOR THE LAST THREE DECADES. HOWEVER, IN RECENT YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY INCREASE OF VOLUNTEERS WITH A RECORD FOUR JOINING FROM THE CENTENARY CLASS OF 2005—THE SAME YEAR THE PEACE CORPS CELEBRATED ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY.

FOLLOW THE FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS OF SOME OF OUR OWN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS, WHO SECURED POSTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BUILD FRIENDSHIPS WITH FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE WORLD AND WORK ON ISSUES RANGING FROM AIDS EDUCATION TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

> “I had great success in attracting youth to this unique program.”
>
> —ABBY MCMURRY, ’03

Abby McMurry and friend Brennan teach some Nepali children the song “Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.”

By Abby McMurry '03

Nepal: Urban/Youth Development

I was in Nepal one year and one day. Myself and 36 other Peace Corps volunteers were evacuated due to the escalated Maoist rebel insurgency in September 2004. They were bombing government offices, trying to overthrow the king and establish a democracy. Up until the evacuation, the Maoists hadn't been targeting Americans. But, after several traveling Nepalis were killed among civilians in Iraq, anti-American sentiment grew, and the Peace Corps perceived the volunteers to be in danger.

It disappointed me that we had to leave. I had grown to love Nepal and had just founded an arts and music club for youth in the southern part of the country near the Indian border. Because youth are not taught art and music in the school system, some teachers and I had great success in attracting youth to this unique program. Ninety-seven kids showed up for the first meeting!

I worked in urban youth development at two posts, helping with HIV/AIDS education and girl empowerment programs. It was amazing. The Nepali youth will admit to problems that the country, their city, their village has. They recognize that HIV/AIDS and drugs are real problems and are willing to address them, unlike some of the adults.

My advice to those considering joining the Peace Corps is to start the application process early because it's lengthy. Also, try not to be disappointed if you don't get one of the countries you request to serve in. I requested Guatemala or somewhere in Africa. When they placed me in Nepal, I was disappointed at first. But I absolutely loved that country. It exceeded my expectations.

By Erin Hatch Neal '93
Cameroon: Math/Science Education

During my service in Cameroon, Central Africa, I taught high school physics and algebra. Having majored in physics at Centenary, I considered my undergraduate studies good training for my Peace Corps specialization.

When folks ask me if I enjoyed the experience, if I am glad I did it, or if I think it was a worthwhile experience, I always say "yes." But, I usually follow it closely with a comment like, "but it was much, much harder than I expected it to be."

Looking back, I know I was somewhat ignorant and definitely naïve at the time I joined the Peace Corps. But, I am really glad I did it. It was definitely a life-changing experience for me. The things that were most difficult for me were:

1) separating myself from friends and family back home;
2) being somewhat isolated without a lot of American peer support;
3) experiencing cross-cultural differences; and
4) realizing that my presence there ultimately did not make much of a difference.

The thing about my Peace Corps experience—and everyone's is very unique—is that I realized pretty quickly after going to my post that this was going to be more of a cross-cultural exchange, and less of a "making a difference, saving the world experience."

Coming to that realization, and letting go of my original idealism, was very difficult for me. Those at Centenary who knew me when I was there will understand this.

In fact, I think Peace Corps does itself a disservice by billing itself as "the toughest job you'll ever love" because I think it makes folks think that they will be saving the world during their experience.

In my country of service, most of the volunteers simply felt that they were having an amazing and intense cultural exchange, in which they were assigned a job to ostensibly legitimize their time there, and maybe, possibly, they were making a very small difference in a few folks' lives along the way—most notably, their own.

But, that was merely my experience in Cameroon, which, by the way, continues to be one of the most corrupt countries in the world. The experience of a volunteer, for example, in South America, Eastern Europe, or elsewhere may be very different. And, the experience of the volunteers in my specific program—math/science education—was very different than those in the agriculture/forestry program, health education program, etc.

LESSONS LEARNED

The best thing I gained from my Peace Corps experience was a more global perspective. I learned more about foreign policy, the way Americans are perceived abroad and what works and doesn't work in international development. My experience in the Peace Corps helped me learn about myself and what really matters to me more than any experience state-side could have given to me. I feel much more able to tackle whatever obstacles face me in my work now because I survived, and indeed—eventually—flourished during two years in the Peace Corps.

One of the things that is still difficult to recover from now is the time I spent away from my family and loved ones. During the two years of my absence, I missed more weddings, funerals, births, divorces, and other life-changing events than I thought I would. That was very hard. That, and the lack of reasonable communication with home, made it very difficult. I understand, however, that at least in Cameroon, communication with the States is much easier for volunteers now than it was when I was there (1995–1997).

Ultimately, I got the most out of my Peace Corps experience by creating my own environment in which to flourish. The first post I was assigned to was at a religious private school at which the teachers hadn't been paid for almost three years. That, combined with corruption at the school, and the fact that I myself am not religious at all, made the work environment very difficult.

After that experience, and realizing that the Peace Corps administration in country was not going to help me in transferring to a better post, I moved myself, found a new post and a new place to live. My second year was spent at a public school teaching higher-level physics classes. I also spent a couple days a week at the regional teachers' resource center developing physics teaching curriculum, serving an unmet need that made me feel like my time was better spent. In my second post, I was near a paved road, which made it much easier for me to travel to see other Peace Corps volunteers, get to a phone, to the bank, to buy supplies, etc. In fact, I was so much more comfortable in my second post that I seriously considered extending for a third year, having felt that my first year was a bit "wasted." But, ultimately, I decided against it as I felt I had already missed too many significant family events while I was gone and needed to get back to catch up.

This level of independence was not only very rewarding in itself, but it also helped me to grow more confident in my ability to take care of myself no matter what country or situation I live in and through.

By Robert Savage '04
Azerbaijan: Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Living here has been an incredible experience so far. I've been working in Azerbaijan for more than 22 months, and I'm scheduled to complete my service in October.

My original assignment landed me in a mid-size city in the middle of the country, but last summer I was transferred to a small village in the northwest. The region is called Zaqatala, and it's best known among Azeris for two things: the abundance of walnuts and the enormous mountains that seem to hover over the city.

A snow-covered peak, which marks the border with Dagestan, is visible from my front porch on clear mornings, and if you look east and south you would see the rolling plains that fade off into Georgian grape land.

Being situated where it is (north of Iran), Azerbaijan is in the middle of a wide array of historical and cultural affairs. Those influences have dug their way into all facets of life. Most of my day-to-day interactions are in Azerbaijani, but it's rare for a conversation to pass without a smattering of Russian, Persian and Arabic. Throw in the vast deposits of oil in the Caspian, and this becomes a truly dynamic place.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

My primary project is English education. On any given weekday, I bounce from class to class teaching my students, while sharing the fundamentals of teaching foreign language with my local counterparts.

The salary of teachers in Azerbaijan is desperately inadequate, so, as one would expect, teachers often must choose between the demands of making a living or opportunities for self-improvement. I haven't been able to do anything to raise their salaries, but I've implemented a number of programs to boost their interest in all things English.

In one instance, I was able to allocate a collection of books. We used the books to establish a school library, which, in turn, the teachers used to bring color to their lessons. English language learning before consisted of a poorly written text and a black-and-white picture of Big Ben. Now it's an interactive activity, complete with colorful posters, practical conversation exercises and games. The students have become significantly more engaged as a result.

Describing this photo, Robert Savage says, "I'm standing with all of the English teachers around a traditional Novruz Holiday samani. I was especially happy that day, not just because it was the biggest holiday in Azerbaijan, but also because it was my birthday."

I also do some work outside my primary project. Last December, I helped coordinate an English pageant. Since it was the holiday season, one student volunteered to sing "Jingle Bells" to the beat of traditional Azeri folk music.

More recently, I helped my school write an application for the Peace Corps Partnership Program. We are raising money to fund the installation of a computer lab for the school. If realized, the school will begin offering a technology course in the fall for older students.

REPRESENTING AMERICA, CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

At the transitioning of the winter season, I went to a remote church with another volunteer early in the morning to participate in a commemoration to St. George. As we journeyed to the church, we witnessed a scene of near chaos at the base of the mountain with people cooking kebabs and selling drinks everywhere we turned.

We joined the ranks of Azeris and Georgians making their way up the mountain and did our best not to muddy up our pants. Most people walking with us kicked off their shoes and walked barefoot. From above, we were greeted with the sounds of Georgian chants echoing off the temple walls.

The church itself had been carved into the side of the mountain in the 13th century, and since then, Christians and Muslims alike have celebrated the seasonal change by lighting candles at the mount and sticking the wax against the walls of brick and stone. For them, the church transcends any religious differences, and is, more than anything else, a spiritual celebration of the departure of winter.

As I stood on a rock overlooking the crowds, I saw Christians praying next to Muslims. A group of bearded men stood at the edge of a cliff sacrificing chickens, while several others sang anthems of thanks.

So often, Peace Corps volunteers are charged with representing America and its people in ways that are hard to imagine. Because volunteers are among a limited number of Americans living beyond Baku, we are often the first people to discuss American attitudes with Azeris.

That day at the church, a number of people wanted to know where we were from and if we enjoyed the celebration. They also wanted to know how we, as Americans, perceived the holiday, considering the unusual makeup of the audience.

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> —SI SIKES '93

The answer was simple. We explained that not only do we Americans celebrate diversity, America was founded on that value. Days like this have become the nature of my life and work in Azerbaijan.

By Si Sikes '93
Côte d'Ivoire: Community Development

I served in 1996, spending three months in Senegal and nine months in Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), both French-speaking countries. I was a Community Development volunteer in a program titled "Urban Environmental Management." I lived in a town called M'bahiakro with a population of 10,000 or so just west of Boauke.

I worked with a fellow Peace Corps volunteer, an engineer, designing and building latrines for all the town schools. We also developed and began work on the refurbishment of a large area in the middle of town, which would eventually become a sports complex, complete with soccer fields, basketball courts and more.

I felt very prepared for my Peace Corps experience, due in large part to Centenary. Centenary prepared me through excellent academic work and faculty support (Drs. Dana Kress and Rodney Grunes, in particular), as well as through opportunities to participate in a wide variety of activities across campus.

Erin Hatch Neal, who served in Cameroon, actually came to the Ivory Coast around the Fourth of July. She stayed with me for several weeks. We had a great time reflecting on our time at Centenary and laughing that we were doing so on the other side of the world.

Centenary dancers at the KENNEDY

FOR COLLEGE DANCERS, IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN AN INVITATION TO PERFORM AT THE KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF BASKETBALL'S SWEET 16 EXCEPT THAT THERE'S NO COMPETITION AT THE PINNACLE PERFORMANCE. JUST A SHOWCASING OF THE BEST OF THE BEST.

EVERY DANCER—AND EVERYONE WHO HELPS THEM GET THERE—KNOWS THAT THESE ARE THE CRÈME DE LA CRÈME AMONG THE NATION'S COLLEGES THIS YEAR. FOR CENTENARY STUDENTS AND DANCE FACULTY, THE SPOTLIGHT COMES ON A CRISP MAY EVENING BEFORE A SOLD-OUT CROWD IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

Choreographer Smith-Cheveallier

Final exams are just barely completed when seven Centenary dancers, accompanied by three faculty members and numerous friends and admirers, make their way toward the biggest venue of all for college dancers: the stage and lights of Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center.

Varying assaults of butterflies attack the waiting performers—four young women and two young men—as they stand in the wings and peek out at the sold-out audience beyond the floodlights. Strange thoughts cross their minds: "Will the music and video images work right?" "Will I forget a critical part?" "What am I doing here?" "We've worked so hard, now's the time to shine."

Sitting in the darkness on the other side of the lights are their families, their professors and their College president alongside top representatives of the world of dance. The stage goes dark and Centenary dancers glide to their positions. As the lights come up, the Woody Guthrie tunes emerge and intentionally-grainy video images perform their own dance on the wall behind the troupe, the dancers present an emotional and passionate piece.

Its title, "Swept Under," refers to the cliché of sweeping problems under a rug. The dancers wear tea-dyed linen costumes that support their representation of the unspoken issues of an impoverished family in the Dust Bowl era. Props—all in similar washed-out hues—adorn a sparsely appointed space and include a baby's high chair, a broom, a straw laundry basket and a couple of chairs.

Less than 10 minutes later, the piece is complete and the Kennedy Center resounds with appreciative applause. These Centenary dancers have represented their college, their city and their state with distinction

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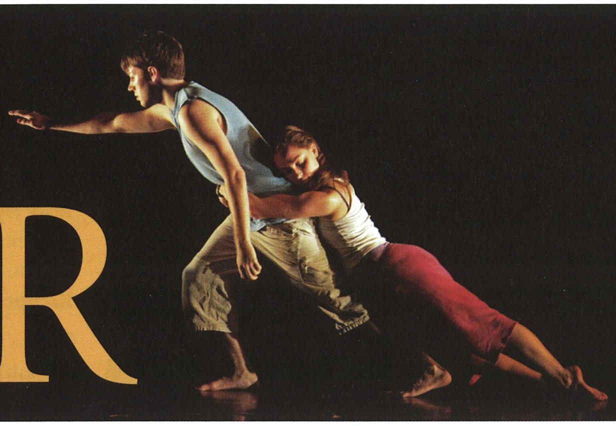

at the American College Dance Festival's National Conference and, in the process, have earned a spot in Centenary College history.

Ginger D. Folmer '64, professor and coordinator of the dance program at Centenary since 1983, speaks with pride about the dancers' efforts that led them to the Kennedy Center. She notes that the National College Dance Conference showcases dance performances selected by adjudicators from regional conferences who make selections based on outstanding artistic excellence and merit. The primary objective of the National Conference is to highlight, on the national level, the outstanding quality of choreography and performance that is being created on college and university campuses.

Folmer works diligently throughout the spring to highlight the "Swept Under" selection, and its choreographer, Centenary dance alumna and adjunct faculty member Renée Smith-Cheveallier '91, who also designed and constructed the costumes, and the dancers (at right): Amanda Adams of Richardson, Texas; Nic Gadpaille of Shreveport, La. (not pictured); Anna Maris of Little Rock, Ark.; Andrew Nieman of Natchitoches, La.; Renée Nolen of Many, La.; and Courtney Rhodes of Vidor, Texas. Jessica Gorbaty of Houma, La., also attends as understudy. Another alumna, Angela Jones Rosenkrans '96, also adjunct dance faculty member, collaborates on the lighting design.

Says Smith-Cheveallier about her award-winning piece: "This multimedia, layered composition comments on the unspoken emotions of a family impoverished by the Dust Bowl—yet the images produced are timeless. This piece is performed in the modern dance/theatre style with a score of Woody Guthrie's 'Do Re Me' recorded by the contemporary artist Ani DiFranco. In addition, this piece is also accompanied by a spoken narrative of Woody Guthrie's '...Till We Outnumber 'Em' and a video projection of home movies by Alabama artist Pinky MM Bass."

Folmer is pleased also about the attention focused on the quality of the Centenary dance program and its considerable history, which includes four selections previously honored at the regional level. "It's all about the students," she says. "That's what we're here for." **LS**

Where are they now and what are they up to?

Class Notes

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1934

Ross Nelson, Shreveport, La., attended Centenary's commencement ceremony in May to see his granddaughter, **Emily Klepper '06,** graduate.

1951

Donald Mack, Shreveport, La., was named the recipient of the 2006 Liberty Award by the Shreveport Bar Association. The award is presented each year by the SBA to a group or individual for outstanding leadership and community service.

1954

Byron Roberts, Sacramento, Calif., attended seminary at Perkins School of Theology at SMU. Upon graduation, he moved to California where he served as minister of local churches for about 20 years. After getting a graduate degree in psychology, he practiced pastoral counseling with a group of Methodist churches in the San Francisco Bay area. Byron married **Sylvia Lou Lively '57** his last year at Centenary. They have four children and five grandchildren.

1957

Patsy King Barber, Lecompte, La., a research journalist, has completed the fourth volume of Speaking From the Heart, a series about World War II and Korean War veterans. Some 500 oral interviews with photos, illustrations and maps of every branch of service and every theater of operation are in the series, including some stories of Centenary graduates.

1958

Paul Durbin, Lafayette, La., is a retired U.S. Army chaplain, a retired director of clinical pastoral care from Methodist Hospital in New Orleans (2001) and a retired director of clinical hypnotherapy (2005).

1960

Patricia Owen Lindsey, Shreveport, La., was named Conference Woman in Mission at the recent United Methodist Women (UMW) annual meeting. This is the highest honor bestowed on an individual by the UMW.

1962

Madeleine Trichel, Columbus, Ohio, received the 2006 John Nevin Sayre Award from the Episcopal Peace Fellowship of the Episcopal Church in the United States. The award is named after a founding member of the U.S. branch of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The Episcopal Peace Fellowship statement of award noted, "Madeleine Trichel is always growing with the times, offering her skills and services as they are needed. She exemplifies EPF's founder, the Rev. John Nevin Sayre's model of 'walking by faith.'" She was at the 75th annual general convention of the Episcopal Church in Columbus, Ohio, in June where she, along with a second recipient, Rev. Canon Naim Ateek (a Palestinian Anglican priest and the founder and director of the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem), received their awards at a reception at Trinity Episcopal Church. She received her bachelor's degree from Centenary in 1962 and her master's from the University of Kansas, Lawrence in 1965. She will retire at the end of 2006 as the executive director of the Interfaith Center for Peace after serving the Center for nearly 25 years.

1967

Leonard Critcher, Dallas, Texas, is president of The F.I.R.M. in Dallas. His company specializes in asset protection and wealth preservation planning. He was recently selected to be on the Educational Board of The Wealth Preservation Institute and wrote the accounts receivable financing text for the course work leading to the Certified Wealth Preservation Planner professional designation. He also developed and markets the country's most widely utilized plan for capitalizing and shielding a physician's accounts receivable from malpractice litigation. Leonard writes a bimonthly email newsletter and will soon publish *Asset Protection & Wealth Preservation, Myths and Methodologies.* He and **Mary Tullie (Wyrick) '68** will celebrate 39 years of marriage in August. Their youngest son, Len, was married April 8 to Pamela Wiggains of Tyler, Texas.

Charles Dunn, Lewisville, Texas, retired from Child Protective Services and currently works as a crisis intervention specialist for a 24/7 mental health crisis line. He flew professionally for a time and still has a private pilot's license.

Charlie Park, Springhill, La., has been the executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Webster Parish since 1999. Volunteers have built 18 houses since he started. Their "Two-Week Blitz" project in Minden was televised on Country Music Television last July.

Marsha Pickett Wells, San Antonio, Texas, and her husband, Chip, moved to San Antonio after living several years in Canyon Lake. She is a referral agent with Kuper Sotheby's and serves as social chair of the Zeta Tau Alpha Alumni Board in San Antonio, working with the Race for the Cure and other projects. She has also enjoyed reconnecting with **Martha Wood Griffith '70.**

1968

Bill Gibson, Boerne, Texas, is assistant vice president of the Space and Engineering Division for Southwest Research Institute. He is responsible for business development, staff development and project management.

Diane Wagner Somerville, Port Angeles, Wash., is the author of hundreds of articles for magazines, newspapers and encyclopedias. She is a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors and the National Association of Science Writers. She has just published her first book, *Inside Out Down Under: Stories from a Spiritual Sabbatical.* Find out more online at: www.beechworthpress.com.

1971

Sara Casey Watts, Plano, Texas, has a private practice as a licensed professional counselor. Sara has been a marriage and family therapist for the past 26 years in the North Dallas area.

1973

Jeffrey Daiell, Houston, Texas, delivered his presentation, "A Fireplace of Brick and Not of Paper: Respecting Constitutional Limits," on May 16 in San Antonio, Texas. This was his second compensated speech as he attempts to launch a side career as a professional writer, speaker, editor and emcee.

1974

Shirley Miller Watts, River Ridge, La., is a seventh- and eighth-grade language arts teacher at John Curtis Christian School in the New Orleans area. Shirley will begin her 32nd year of teaching this fall.

1975

Megan Conway, Shreveport, La., professor of French at LSUS, presented a paper, "Physical Space, Narrative Space, Emotional Space: Locating Love in Helisenne de Crenne's *Les Angoysses,*" at the international Exploring the Renaissance Conference in Houston. She also served on the conference board. Further pursuing her interests in the French Renaissance, she attended the Renaissance Society of America meeting in San Fransisco where she met with several authors contributing to the *16th Century French Writers* volume she is editing for the Dictionary of Literary Biography series. She also presented a paper on her 18th century research at the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies in Montreal in which she discussed Olympe de Gouges, the first female-authored French anti-slavery play (1786).

David Olson, Wheaton, Ill., is the owner/general manager of The Power Equipment Co. in Cortland, Ill.

1977

Leah Ades Cooper, Jefferson, Texas, and husband Robert are proud to announce the graduation of their oldest daughter, Megan, from the U.S. Air Force Academy this May. After a year of "casual duty" at Edwards Air Force Base, she will begin flight training at Columbus AFB in Mississippi. Their younger daughter, Rebecca, just completed her first year at Yale University.

Bill Zeller, Shreveport, La., graduated from the Army War College on June 10 and is being assigned as the Operations Officer of 3rd Corps Support Command in Wiesbaden, Germany. The unit is currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Bill won the Army War College Writing Award for Logistics and Research.

1978

Nancy Cooper, Missoula, Mont., presented an organ recital as part of the St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral "Great Masterpiece Series," on March 26. **Marshall Taylor '79** flew down from New York City for the event. Also in attendance were some of Nancy's teachers and advisers from way back when: Bill Teague, Ron Dean, **Earle Labor H'90** and **Lee Morgan H'96**.

Mary Jo Pleasant Gardere, Dallas, Texas, teaches kindergarten through sixth-grade

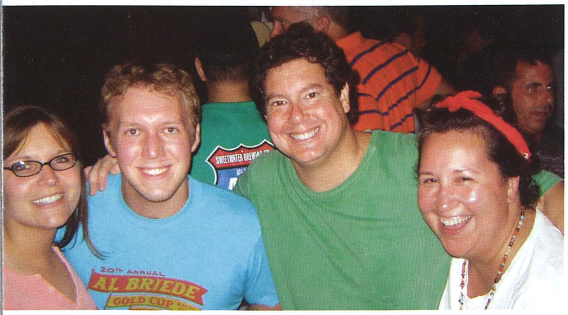
Visiting at the Central Arkansas Alumni Chapter Kick-off Reception, Chapter President Sarah Bowman '05 (middle) stands with boyfriend Zac David and Director of Alumni Programs Carla E. Alsandor MBA '04. Chartered this year, the Central Arkansas Alumni Chapter connects some 300 of the area's Centenary grads through special events.

Peggy Farrell '72, Elise Argue '71, Jack '61 and Mary Mulkey show their support of the Central Arkansas Alumni Chapter by attending the kick-off reception.

Stars of *Brooklyn: The Musical,* Diana DiGarmo, and Lee Morgan '85 visit with Lee's father, professor emeritus and historian of the College Lee Morgan H'96 following their performance in Dallas, August 4.

Ascension Delgado Smith '69 and Margaret Shehee '85 pause for a photo at the Major Donor and Paul Marvin Brown, Jr. Society Recognition Reception on March 24 at the Shehee residence.

Alumni Association Board President Steve Ramey '79 entertains guests at the Major Donor and Paul Marvin Brown, Jr. Society Recognition Reception by tickling the ivories—sharing his true passion for making music.



Alumni having fun in New Orleans this August are: Mary Armstrong '91, Jared Frank '06, David Henington '82 and Content Cortese '85.

Kipper Montgomery '86 of Baton Rouge and Jeff Swope '87 of Austin and New Orleans celebrate at the post wedding day brunch at the House of Blues in New Orleans honoring Jeff and Allison Ball.

art classes at Eladio R. Martinez Learning Center, Dallas ISD. Mary Jo completed her master's in education in the spring of 2005 at Texas A&M Commerce and plans to start her doctorate this fall.

1979

Jack Caldwell, West Bend, Wis., is the executive director of the Washington County Economic Development Corp. in West Bend, Wis.

1980

Melissa Brigman, Tyler, Texas, is the director of missions at Marvin United Methodist Church.

1981

Karen Koelemay Boston, Shreveport, La., is the director of the Child Development Center at Providence House, a residential development center for homeless families with children. She and John are surprised to find themselves back in Shreveport, courtesy of Hurricane Katrina. They have been incredibly fortunate, and appreciate the help from everyone, including alums **Chaplain Betsy Eaves '78** and **John Wesley White '98,** for their warm welcome and assistance in relocating and recovering after the storm.

1981

Phil Budd, Allen, Texas, is president and CEO of Employ Solutions. He would like to hear from Centenary friends via email at pbudd@employsolutions.com.

1982

Mark Evans, Forney, Texas, is a product analyst for EPIQ Systems, Inc. He has been with EPIQ for over 10 years. Although the company is located in Kansas City, Kan., Mark works out of his home in Forney. Mark's job includes designing and developing Chapter 7 bankruptcy software.

Joey Kent, McKinney, Texas, has recently merged his entertainment company, Louisiana Hayride, Inc., with Flatworld Entertainment, a division of First Capital Corp. of New Jersey.

Richard Liles, Shreveport, La., is a financial consultant with A.G. Edwards.

Mary Alfred Thoma, Shreveport, La., is the drama specialist at Southfield School. She teaches middle school drama and stagecraft and directs middle school musicals. Mary is a professional actress/director, recently portraying Annie Sullivan in *The Miracle Worker* at East Bank Theatre to sold out houses. In addition, she played the role of Cathy Butler on a Lifetime Movie Network film, *Not Like Everyone Else.*

1983

John O. Moore, Knoxville, Tenn., is the senior district manager with TAP Pharmaceuticals. John works with 15 representatives in east Tennessee and central Kentucky. He has worked for TAP for 12 years in sales, training and management. John's wife, Tara, is a pharmacist, and they have a son, Nicholas (Nic), who is in the third grade. Nic just completed playing on a Junior Pro All-Star basketball team that advanced to the national tournament. He is also playing in a traveling baseball team based in Knoxville. Needless to say their summers are very busy!

1984

Les Smith, Texarkana, Ark., is the controller for E-Z Mart Stores, Inc.

1985

Ramonalynn Walker Bethley, Alexandria, La., is the district superintendent for the United Methodist Church, Alexandria District. Ramonalynn says, "My mission is to help these churches fulfill their mission."

Shelley Colbert Gele, Frederick, Md., moved from Bowie, Md., to Urbana, Md., in June as soon as her sons, Andrew, 16, and Phillip, 13, finished the school year. "It's a new beginning for the boys and me," Shelley says. "I've wondered from time to time over the past couple of years how on earth God could bring good out of trials. He is faithful and sees us through. It's always comforting, encouraging and exciting to see how He was, and is, in even the smallest details!"

Lee Morgan, Hightstown, N.J., who created the role of Taylor in the Denver production of *Brooklyn: The Musical* and was in the subsequent Broadway production, joined the first national tour to recreate his role as Taylor. He joined Diana DeGarmo, a finalist on *American Idol,* Tony winners Melba Moore and Cleavant Derricks. The tour stopped in Saint Paul, Atlanta, Houston, Dallas and San Jose this summer.

1986

Steven Grenchik, Broussard, La., is an operations engineer/trade director for a small barter/exchange company. He handles the accounts and databases and coordinates members in the Lafayette and Northshore New Orleans area.

Angela Wall, Lacombe, La., is working for American Nursing Services, Inc. as a credentialing/quality assurance coordinator in Metairie, La.

Curtis Westerfield, Milpitas, Calif., and wife Mia are living in San Jose with their two children aged 15 and 11.

1987

Jerry Smith, San Antonio, Texas, has served in the U.S. Army for over 21 years. He is chief of operation for the 90th Regional Readiness Command, San Antonio Element, having been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in January. Jerry completed a master's degree in emergency and disaster management and is married to Gay Dale Colburn of Lubbock, Texas. They have six children: Corey, 24; Casey, 21; Trey, 20; Sam, 14; Brooks, 12; and Skeete, 4.

Jeffrey Swope, Austin, Texas, is a partner and senior managing director of Fiduciary Asset Management, Inc. He is responsible for product development, business development and investor relations.

1988

Pamela Stevenson Besser, Beaumont, Texas, spoke at a community men's prayer breakfast in May at First Presbyterian Church in Kilgore, Texas. Pam was ordained in the United Methodist Church in May 1994. She is the minister of education and senior adults at St. Luke's UMC in Kilgore.

Eric Brock, Shreveport, La., has a new book. *Scenes of Shreveport* was released May 1.

Chris Golden, McKinney, Texas, is working with Merck & Co, Inc. as a senior osteoporosis specialty representative. He and wife Babs have two children: Phoebe, 6, and Liam, 4.

Scott Luneau, Roanoke, Va., recently returned to the States after six years in Europe studying medicine. He is in an internal medicine residency at the University of Virginia-Roanoke. He and his wife, Henrietta, have two children: Patrik, 4, and Gabriella, 2.

Jan VandenBerg, The Netherlands, is a pulmonologist working in a large teaching hospital about an hour from Amsterdam. Jan came to Centenary as an exchange student in 1983 for one year. He writes that he loved college life and his fraternity, Kappa Alpha.

1989

Charles Carpenter, Cabot, Ark., has achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a "Newman," (a.k.a. mailman). He is a city carrier in the Little Rock area and absolutely loves it. After spending a year on the road with Christian artist Ginny Owens playing bass, he decided it was best to settle down and get a "real job." He and his wife, Deanna, have two daughters: Emma, 5, and Isabel, 2.

1990

Robin Dauterive, Newton, Mass., is a hospitalist in internal medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School.

Christopher Ehrlich, Sylva, N.C., is working at Pollocksville Baptist Church in Pollocksville, N.C.

Cindy LaFleur-Coleman, Lubbock, Texas, is the office manager for Mayfield Atlas Van Lines in Lubbock, Texas.

Troy Morgan, Carson City, N.V., has a new position with Universal Analyzers in Carson City as its product development manager. This is a manufacturer of sample probes and sample conditioning panels for Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems. These systems monitor Nox, Sox, Cox, NH3 and O2 concentrations from combustion processes.

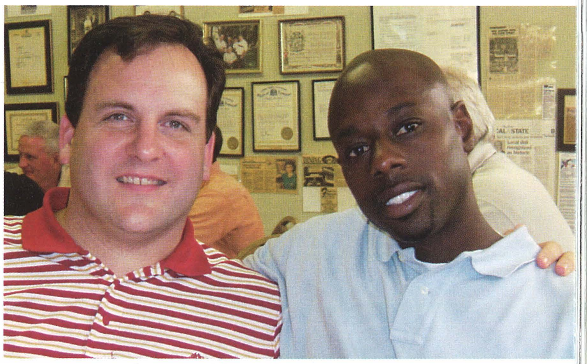
1991

Mark Carleton, Rome, Ga., has been named head of the Upper Class at Darlington School in Atlanta.

Warren Clifton, Shreveport, La., is an account manager at Magee Resources and serves as youth director St. Luke's UMC.

David Hesser, Alexandria, La., is employed at Middleton & Hesser, L.L.P., a four-attorney firm practicing family law and offshore accidents (www.middletonhesser.com). David was the speaker at the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals 2005 Forum in Atlanta discussing team mediation. He will also speak at the LSU Family Law Seminar 2006 discussing interim spousal support.

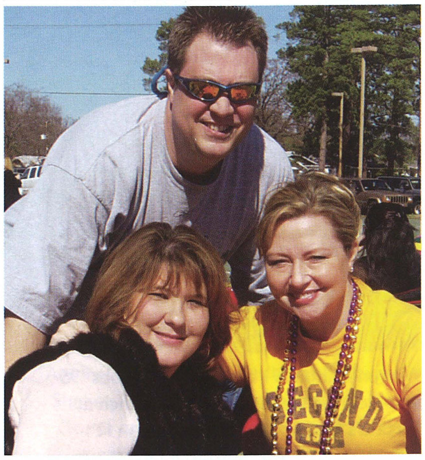
Dominic Konieczki, Lehigh Acres, Fla., is a corporal deputy sheriff with the Lee County sheriff's office in Fort Myers, Fla. He has been there for eight years after finishing his eight-year career in the minor league.



Warren Clifton '91 and Derrick Jacobs '95 attended the Centenary Lunch Bunch at Fertitta's Deli in June. Both work in IT recruiting at Magee Resource Group where they received recognition in 2005, Clifton as Account Manager of the Year and Jacobs as Project Coordinator of the Year.

Adrienne Haddox Smith '95, Amy Andrews Green '96 and Nathan McAbee '03 sport Centenary gear at the Ruston Admissions and Alumni Reception in March.

Gents and Ladies fans Alan '90 and Erin Berry MAT '04 dine on PieWorks pizza at the Shreveport-Bossier Alumni Fan Appreciation Night in February.



Scott and Michelle Brown and Susan Kirton '88 (with beads around neck) enjoy the sunshine at the Highland Mardi Gras Parade in February.

Highland Parade Grand Marshal Sherri Talley Allen '78 and driver Alan Berry '90 prepare to join the procession of colorful floats.

Centenary trustee Alan Yokem '83, wife Kelly and their twins enjoy the Mardi Gras festivities.

Laura Stuart-Solorzano, San Antonio, Texas, is the children's ministry director at Travis Park United Methodist Church. She has two children: Alana, 5 and Jaden, 3.

Chase Waites, Montgomery, Texas, is an assistant professor of drama at Montgomery College in the North Harris Montgomery Community District, Houston. He is teaching, designing, directing and creating a technical theatre of study.

1992

Stephanie McIntosh Bernstein, Carrollton, Texas, is a JPI cash analyst.

Erin Harris Bremmer, Holly Lake Ranch, Texas, completed her M.Ed. from West Texas A&M University. She is working at Harmony ISD, located north of Tyler, Texas, where she is the lead educational diagnostician for the school district.

Scott Butcher, Schertz, Texas, works for Warm Springs Rehabilitation System. Scott is the corporate director of managed care where he negotiates all managed care agreements for Warm Springs, which includes three hospitals and six outpatient clinics.

Scott Durbin, New Orleans, La., reports that Imagination Movers just signed a deal with Disney.

Michael Fuller, Orlando, Fla., is an assistant principal.

Mark Gragg, Fort Worth, Texas, works for a $4B hedge fund named Q Investments in Fort Worth. He has been with the organization for about six years.

Leeth Harper, Rogers, Ark., is a practicing veterinarian at Village Animal Hospital in Bella Vista, Ark.

Stacy Heckman, Humble, Texas, is teaching first grade at Humble ISD. Stacy has been teaching for 14 years and hopes to finish her master's degree within the next year. Stacy has a 5-year-old son, Corey.

Carolyn Kapinus, Muncie, Ind., has been teaching at Ball State since August 1999. In 2004, she was promoted to associate professor. In March 2006, she visited Centenary to speak at a convocation. Carolyn is also serving as the director of graduate studies for the M.A. in sociology.

Keisha Snyder Matthews, Benbrook, Texas, works at Holy Family Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Keisha has been with Holy Family for 12 years, where she formed and now directs the children's choir, youth choir and handbell choir. She is also the primary soloist for the church.

1993

Steve Brouillette, Brandon, Miss., is an attorney for Wells Marble & Hurst, PLLC, in Jackson, Miss. He practices litigation with a focus on insurance defense, premises liability and corporate litigation.

Erin Hatch Neal, Arlington, Va., is director of congressional relations for ATK (Allian Techsystems), a defense and aerospace government contractor. In this capacity, she lobbies members of Congress on behalf of NOAA, missile defense and military aerospace programs of interest to her company.

Angie White, Shreveport, La., has moved back to Shreveport from Washington, D.C. She plans to open a café.

1994

Amy Smith Doar, Allen, Texas, received an M.S. in counseling psychology from Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas in December 1998. She married Jeff Doar, an SMU graduate, on Jan. 2, 1999. They have one son, Robert, born Oct. 29, 2001. She is active at Creekwood United Methodist Church in Allen. She serves on the praise team and was a delegate to the 2006 North Texas Annual Conference of the UMC. Amy is a technical recruiter for NewMarket Technology.

Serena Simmons Magrogan, Houston, Texas, is Fort Bend ISD Hightower High School's advanced placement biology and aquatic science teacher. She just published her first book, *The Lost and Found: Book One* by S.S. Magrogan and was in Shreveport in August for a book signing at Barnes and Noble.

Tamara O'Neill Moreland, Eden Prairie, Minn., was recently elected shareholder of the Larkin Hoffman Attorneys firm. Tamara is a member of the real estate litigation practice group. Her practice concentrates on litigation involving commercial and residential construction matters and fraudulent real estate transactions.

Greg Warrick, Dallas, Texas, is a sales manager for Sewell Cadillac.

1995

Sally Calongne, Washington, D.C., is the annual fund and grants manager for the Levine School of Music.

Paige DuBose, Galveston, Texas, is teaching high school in Galveston at the well-known Bell High School. She teaches 10th- and 11th-grade math.

Ginny Bowdon Ellsworth, Dallas, Texas, reports that her husband, Sam, will start at Baylor School of Dentistry this fall. Ginny is a veteranarian.

Tami Jarecki Lund, Waterford, Mich., is the senior catering manager for the Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac, Mich. Tami and her husband, Chris, had their second child, Reagan, last June. Their first child, Brady Charles, will turn 4 this October.

Charles Mentesana, Fairview, Texas, is a senior loan officer with Realty Mortgage.

Lora Moser, Richardson, Texas, is a speech language pathologist at Richardson ISD.

1996

Jackie Burns Jillson, Parkville, Md., has accepted a position at the University of Baltimore as director of development and external relations for the Merrick School of Business.

Renee Sneed, Dallas, Texas, was promoted to vice president of human resources of Corgan Associates, Inc., the U.S.'s eighth largest architectural firm focused on design. She advanced to her current position in just over six years after serving in various human resources roles within the firm. Active in the American Institute of Architects HR Large Firm Round Table, Renee is also a certified senior professional in human resources, a certification demonstrating mastery of the HR body of knowledge. Her extensive background in the human resources field has led her to join other HR-related professional organizations, including the Society of Human Resources Management and the Dallas Human Resources Association. She is also an avid volunteer for organizations, often taking on leadership roles. She serves as a musical therapist accompanist for the Junior League of Dallas, serves on the Women Leadership Council for the United Way of Dallas and as a board member and human resources committee chair of the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas. She has an active interest in music, operating a studio and teaching piano out of her home. Renee received a bachelor of arts in music from Centenary and a master's in business administration with an emphasis in human resources from the University of North Texas in Dallas.

1997

Penny Brobst Blackwell, Irving, Texas, is an attorney with Greenberg, Traurig, LLP in Dallas, Texas.

Michael Love, Oklahoma City, Okla., is the president of CCDC, Inc., a real estate development company.

John Shermer, APO, AE, is a military intelligence officer for a combined arms battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 4 and is currently stationed at Camp Taji, Iraq. He and his wife, **Maggie Scoville '97,** have one daughter, Rebecca, born on Aug. 23, 2005 at Fort Hood, Texas.

1998

Beth Bohnenblust, San Antonio, Texas, is a second-year surgery resident at the University of Texas-San Antonio. Beth plans to do research next year in the area of tissue engineering.

Jeremy Erwin and **Carolyn Hale '01,** Bossier City, La., were expecting their first child in early August. Jeremy finished his residency in OB/GYN at Baylor University in June and joined the medical practice of Drs. Hart, Carter and Dean in Shreveport-Bossier.

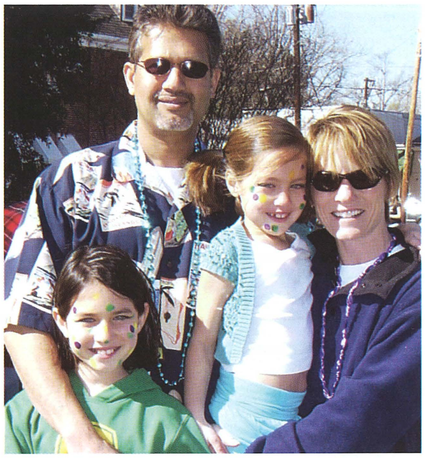
Karen Pantalion Evans, Mansfield, La., is a second-grade teacher at North Desoto Elementary.

Dawn Franzen, Dallas, Texas, is working for the Internal Medicine Clinic as a physician's assistant since moving to Dallas in 2004. Dawn married Dean Harvie of Waco, Texas in December 2004. They live in University Park and are the proud parents of Riely, their two-pound Yorkie puppy.

Ramona Frazier-Brown, Dallas, Texas, is practicing law in Dallas at Adrienne Crane and Associates, P.C. Ramona married Alex Brown on Nov. 7, 2005.

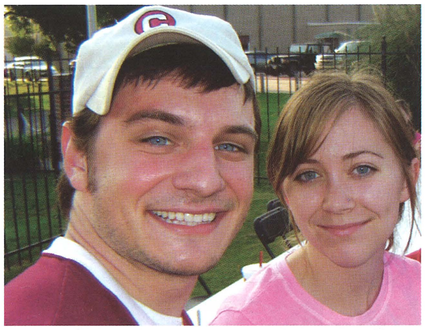
Holly Hatten, Dallas, Texas, teaches first grade at Richardson ISD and is currently in graduate school at Texas A&M-Commerce.

Kristin Sanders Malka, Sherman Oaks, Calif., married the man of her dreams, Haim Malka, on April 14 and is excited about their future together in Los Angeles. After they lived five years in the same building, they finally were introduced and hit it off immediately. They decided to tie the knot after nearly a year of dating. Haim is a contractor and with her back-



Manash '77 and Amy Sarcar spent the day with their children in the "Family Zone," a family-friendly, alcohol-free environment on Jones-Rice Field, where families gathered to watch the Highland Mardi Gras Parade.

Dr. Sue Hernandez, assistant professor of education, welcomes Martha Maple M.Ed. '83 and Whitney Hearnsberger Nichols '02 back to campus to talk on "Going from Student to Teacher" at Career Connections, a monthly event where alumni give students an insider's perspective to various careers.



Mat Brooksher '06 and Megan Long '06 at the Tuesday Night Cook Out, one of the many activities during Senior Celebration Week, May 1–6. Having just finished finals, graduating seniors played inflatable games set up on Mayo Soccer Field.

Mary Chaney '06 and sister Martha Chaney Siskron '96 connect at the Centenary Alumni Association's Wednesday Night Reception for graduating seniors at the Symphony House, an annual event sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Left to right: Diya Surie '06, Sean Hennigan '06, Sara Hebert '06, Carrie Lombardino '06 and Frank Waruszcak '06 kick back in celebration of their last week as Centenary students.

Ivy McLemore '04 (front) welcomes (left to right) graduating seniors Lauren Frost '06, Emily Argue '06 and Patrick Cole '06.

ground in construction, growing up as the daughter of a contractor, Kristin thinks it makes a perfect fit for them to work, live and love together. Kristin's daughter, Olivia Caroline, will turn 4 this summer. The Malka family hopes to make it to Homecoming 2007.

Melanie Martin, Lawrenceville, Ga., is currently serving at Norcross First United Methodist Church in Norcross, Ga. (Northeast Atlanta) as the minister of discipleship. She coordinates adult Christian education, having been commissioned as a probationary deacon in the United Methodist Church at the North Georgia Conference in June and having received her master's in Christian education from Asbury Theological Seminary in 2003.

1999

Beth Bonner DeVille, Baton Rouge, La., has been named vice president of Zyber Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The rapidly growing Louisiana-based company specializes in pediatric medicines and has expanded its sales force from three to 30 representatives in just five years. Beth, president of Centenary's Baton Rouge Alumni Chapter, spoke about the Honor Code at Founders' Day Convocation last February. Beth wed Matt DeVille this Spring.

Karen Goens, Friendswood, Texas, is a first-grade teacher.

Robyn Hetzel, North Myrtle Beach, S.C., is a staff physical therapist at Atlantic Physical Therapy in the Myrtle Beach area.

Nikki Kitchens Hollingsworth, Bossier City, La., teaches choir at Airline High School in Bossier City and assists Dr. Will Andress with the children and youth choirs at First United Methodist Church in Shreveport. She is also a consultant for Arbonne International.

Netsanet Temesgen, Austin, Texas, married her high school sweetheart, Quincy Hopkins, in August 2005 in a traditional American wedding. They then celebrated their union in September 2005 in a traditional Ethiopian wedding in order to recognize both parts of their culture. The couple had their first child this spring.

Jeff Tietjen, Dallas, Texas, has been working for the mortgage company Homecomings Financial for the last seven years. He started out taking calls in the customer service department and is now a quality control specialist and trainer.

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Thomas Avallone, Shreveport, La., announces the launch of his new enterprise Maccentric, L.L.C. Thomas is an Apple authorized business agent, Apple certified help desk specialist and a member of the Apple Consultants Network. He is also a former Apple employee of two years out of Plano, Texas.

Catherine Cabaniss, Memphis, Tenn., is associate vice president of national planned giving for Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. The ranch is a nurturing, structured environment for boys and girls from preschool through high school who live in group homes with house parents and enjoy a variety of academic, vocational, spiritual and extracurricular activities to help them become responsible and resilient young people.

Amy Leonards, El Cerrito, Calif., is a sixth grade teacher by day and performs in musicals and dance recitals by night.

Heather Alexander McIntyre, Lewisville, Texas, quit work to be a stay-at-home mom to daughter Katelyn Suzanne.

Kari Johnson Turner, Shreveport, La., accepted a position at First Baptist Church School as director of admissions and development. She handles all aspects of admissions, marketing, fundraising and alumni relations. She has a 3-year-old daughter, Peyton, and infant son, Will. She and husband Scott have been married five years.

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Evette Barnes, Manhattan, Kan., is a 2nd lieutenant Evacuation Platoon Leader C Co, 610 BSB 41BCT, 1ID Ft. Riley, Kan.

Lisa Carmack, Haughton, La., works in emergency preparedness as a plans and research officer for the Caddo-Bossier Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Ashley Carter, Dallas, Texas, is employed in Dallas at Ernst & Young in expatriate services.

Ashley Dill, Denton, Texas, has taught third grade for two years in Aubrey ISD and fifth grade for the previous two years in Richardson ISD. She is moving back to Richardson as a campus reading specialist.

Elizabeth Prince Johnston, Baton Rouge, La., attends graduate school at the LSU School of Social Work and plans to graduate in 2007.

Ashley Knecht, Baton Rouge, La., competed in her first Half Ironman (1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike and 13.1-mile run) in Panama City Beach, Fla., placing 19th out of 45 in her age group with a time of 5:36.

Dewayne McKoy, Shreveport, La., is the senior consultant for ACS Healthcare Solutions.

Mary Meriam-Goggin, APO, AP, is a stay-at-home mom with daughter Alexis while she is stationed with her husband in Japan.

Valerie Curtis Moore, Houston, Texas, works with the Texas Heart Institute as a faculty member in nano medicine. In May 2005, she graduated from Rice University with a Ph.D. in chemistry.

Greg Peco, Houston, Texas, is a physician's assistant working at a pediatric private practice in Houston.

Lee Powers, Enid, Okla., is working for the law firm of Jones, Otjen, Davis, Nixon & Juhl in Enid.

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Jazz Alibalic, Dallas, Texas, is a senior actuarial analyst for the Republic Group.

Stacey Klingler Chambers, Katy, Texas, is a fourth-grade teacher at Katy ISD.

Kris Franks, Saginaw, Texas, is a graduate student of the University of Texas at Arlington, working toward his master's in education. Kris taught German, English and American studies in Germany from 2003 to 2005. He won a 2004–05 Fulbright Fellowship.

John Grand, Dallas, Texas, graduated from LSU Law School and works in Dallas as an associate attorney at Vinson & Elkins.

Matthew Hamilton, Westminster, Md., works for T. Rowe Price in 401K management and has also started a private catering business.

Keith Lawson, Aarhus, Denmark, is on the last leg of his master's degree at Aarhus University, where he is studying European culture, history and politics. Only 125 pages to go on the thesis! He and wife Marianne (exchange student in 2002) have decided to reside in Aarhus, so if anyone is in the country, feel free to email muffinman441@hotmail.com.

Katie White Parker, Denver, Colo., is at the University of Colorado Hospital in the Sports Medicine Center as a CTA. Her daughter, Norah, turns 2 on Dec. 12.

Elizabeth Quillin, Shreveport, La., is finishing her third year of medical school at LSUHSC in Shreveport and is ready to begin her final year before graduation and residency. In other news, Elizabeth is engaged to be married to Aaron McLemore of New Roads, La., who is also a third-year medical student. He proposed while vacationing in the Bahamas. They plan to wed in Alexandria in October.

Rebecca Soskin, Shreveport, La., was accepted to Stanford University to complete her residency for a medical degree. She was featured in *The (Shreveport) Times* on Match Day at LSUHSC.

Claire Galloway, Fort Worth, Texas, attended graduate school at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock and worked as a graduate assistant in the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library Archives from August 2003 to May 2005. She graduated with a master of arts in public history in December 2005. In March she began work as an archivist in Special Collections at the Mary Couts Burnett Library at Texas Christian University.

Amanda Holloway, Tyler, Texas, is working at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas, as the dance team sponsor and the camp and outreach coordinator. She completed her first year of graduate school at UT-Tyler and is pursuing a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies (psychology, speech and journalism) and will graduate in Spring 2007. Her goal is to begin teaching fulltime at Lon Morris.

2003

Chip LeDuff, Camp Lejeune, N.C., and **Christy Melton '03** got engaged on May 27 at Christy's home in Spartanburg, S.C.

Mark Lewis, Greensboro, N.C., is the head tennis professional at Sherwood Swim and Racquet Club in Greensboro.

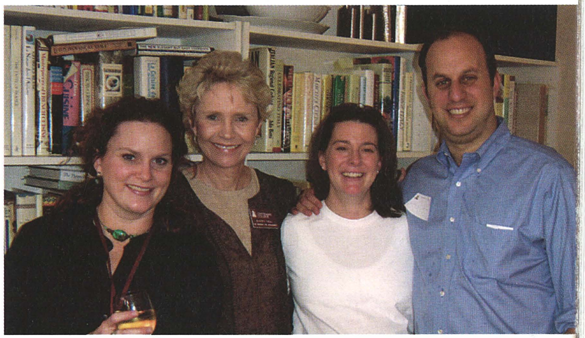
Nathan McAbee, Monroe, La., is a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch. Nathan manages and creates wealth for his clients so "they can have more time to enjoy their lives."

Josh McFarland, Tulsa, Okla., is the president and CEO of RedDog Construction. Josh plans to run for the Oklahoma State Senate as a republican in the next five to eight years.

Amanda Mustin, Baton Rouge, La., graduated from LSU Law School.

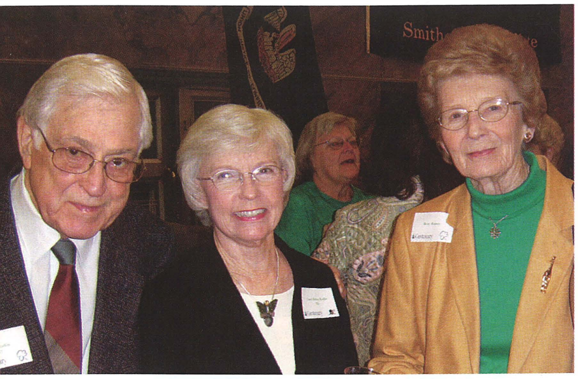
Nishon Evans
Community Coffee

At Gumbo Mambo 7 in Washington, D.C., Nishon and Pat Evans '73 proudly hold a beloved bag of Community Coffee—the true southern brew!



Angie White '93, Vice President for Development Kathy Fell, Andra Roy '93 and Greg Chernack share laughs at the Washington, D.C. Area Gumbo Mambo 7 at the home of Tom Head '64.

"Celebrating the Women of Centenary" was an event in March honoring the Women's Endowment Quorum, the Centenary Muses and First Ladies Pat Schwab and Renee Webb. Posing for this photo are trustee and WEQ member Patsy O'Brien, First Lady Pat Schwab and new WEQ member Loretta Lowery Woodward '64.



St. Patrick's Day festivities attract Tom '47 and Carol Baker '55 Ruffin and Betty and Cecil Ramey '43 to the Shreveport-Bossier Alumni Party at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum.

Certainly nobody in this group got pinched for not wearing green to the St. Patrick's Day Party: classmates Chat Reed '64, Gene Bryson '63, Bev Smith '63 and Charlotte Bryson '63.

Senior Class Agent Debbie Elsen '06 and SGA President Chris Lavan '06 visit with National Alumni Association President Charles S. Grubb '68 (center) at the Senior Toast on May 4 at the University Club.

Valerie Olson Robideaux, Fairburn, Ga., is in seminary at Candler School of Theology and working parttime as the women's discipleship associate at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

Jeron Rogers, Shreveport, La., was appointed the new director of engineering and planning in the Town of Chili in Rochester, N.Y.

Randi Smith, Gainesville, Fla., is in her first year of obtaining a doctorate in renaissance and reformation literature at the University of Florida. Randi also teaches first-year English composition classes and hopes to begin teaching literature courses in the fall semester.

2004

Sterling Allen, Austin, Texas, is the director of music ministries at Bethany United Methodist Church in Austin, where he is also working on his doctorate in music.

Kristin Ballard, Shreveport, La., works at Specialty Risk Associates, Inc., as executive assistant and assistant claims manager.

Vanessa Curtis, Houston, Texas, is assistant general manager of the downtown Birraporetti Restaurant.

Jennifer Hawkins, Texarkana, Ark., married Ray L. Laurent June 17. Following the wedding, Jennifer moved to Clovis, N.M.

DeAndre Johnson, Shreveport, La., began graduate studies at SMU-Perkins/Meadows School of Music this fall. He and his wife of two-and-a-half years, **Kelsey Bellamy Johnson '05,** will continue to reside in Shreveport while he commutes to Dallas to pursue his master's of sacred music degree. DeAndre works as choir director at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, and Kelsey works as communications specialist in Centenary's Office of Public Relations.

Alex Lu, Baton Rouge, La., is attending graduate school at LSU, working towards a Ph.D. in sociology.

Jennifer Powell, Gilmer, Texas, is the children's ministry director at First United Methodist Church in Gilmer.

Joseph Robideaux, Fairburn, Ga., attends Candler School of Theology and serves Campbellton United Methodist Church in Fairburn as a student pastor.

Robert Savage, Monroe, La., is working with the Peace Corps in Azerbaijan. Email him at savage@emailcorner.net.

Trent Siskron, Houston, Texas, is an independent contractor with NAI, an international real estate firm. Trent specializes in investment sales of office and industrial products for Houston and other major Texas markets.

Amy Sullivan, Clatskanie, Ore., was promoted to referral manager at Meadow Park, a skilled care nursing facility in St. Helens, Ore.

Kathryn Thompson, Solana Beach, Calif., has moved north to Solana Beach, where she rents a fabulous little cottage within walking distance of the beach and a great sushi restaurant. Kathryn is about to start her second year in the biophysics Ph.D. program at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif. She has joined a computational biology lab, found a great church and managed to make a few friends among the scientists. Kathryn says, "Life is pretty nice."

Brandon Wollerson, Austin, Texas, received a master's in social work from the University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work in May. He works as an admissions counselor/volunteer coordinator for the Freshman Admissions Center at UT.

Russell Young, Austin, Texas, is a graduate research assistant at the University of Texas at Austin Institute of Geophysics (UTIG), Jackson School of Geosciences. He will soon start work with ExxonMobil as a geophysical specialist.

2005

Jesse Allen, Pascagoula, Miss., is the vice president for Plains Capital Bank, handling mortgages, loans and branch operations.

Andrew Barkley, New Orleans, La., is an accountant with the non-profit organization ACORN.

Darren Gibbs, Fayetteville, Ark., will attend law school at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville this fall and expects to graduate in 2009.

Justin Haeuser, New Orleans, La., is working for Industrial Group, LLC along with **Randall Walker '76.** Their focus is on commercial real estate primarily in the New Orleans area.

Zach Ingrim, Grand Saline, Texas, is running sound for Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington.

Natalie Schoppe, Houston, Texas, is a second-grade teacher.

Lauren Thrift, Little Rock, Ark., works for the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith. She is an assistant in the enrollment management office and works with admissions, career planning and placement. She is on a committee to research, write a proposal for and develop an international student program. Lauren is also the university's liaison for scholarship web sites and search engines. Lauren is seeking a graduate school with a great business department and a non-profit degree and also a school that has great sociology and music departments.

Kate Watts, Garland, Texas, is a loan officer for Benchmark Mortgage, a rapidly growing net branch firm with hundreds of locations across the U.S. She lives in Dallas with Chi Omega sister **Rita Coolidge '05** and plans to attend graduate school.

Saige Wilhite, Shreveport, La., works with Deep South Surplus Insurance Co. in the Claims Department.

Sammy Williams, Little Rock, Ark., is a qualified forensic toxicologist at the Arkansas State Crime Laboratory. He tests biological samples for the presence of drugs.

2006

Elizabeth Allen, Bossier City, La., is attending medical school.

Mat Brooksher, New Orleans, La., works in guest relations at The Wyndham Bourbon Orleans Hotel in the French Quarter.

Patrick Cole, New Orleans, La., is attending Loyola Law School.

Ashlie Junot, New Orleans, La., is attending graduate school at Tulane School of Social Work this fall. Over the summer, she worked at First United Methodist Church in Slidell, La., helping with mission efforts.

Sara Hebert, Denver, Colo., began graduate work in the University of Denver's digital media studies program this fall. Friends can reach her at shebert3@du.edu.

Megan Vaughn Lerchie, Shreveport, La., began her graduate education in communication disorders this summer at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport. After two years of study, she hopes to work as a speech-language pathologist in either a school system or a private setting.

Chris Lavan, Baton Rouge, La., is attending Louisiana State University this fall for his master's in higher education. He received a graduate assistantship as the student coordinator/advisor for a new organization, Volunteer LSU. Email him at clavan1@lsu.edu.

Sarah Smith, Shreveport, La., is attending Tulane Law School.

Kathryn Trahan, New Orleans, La., is working in the accounting department at the Orleans Parish sheriff's office.

Kakie Walker, New Orleans, La., is a marketing representative for Winters Title Agency.

MBA, M.Ed., MAT

Tom Siguaw, MBA '91, Houston, Texas, works for Boot & Coots, a company that is involved in engineering, safety and risk assessment, and risk management. Tom says, "My MBA from Centenary has helped me extensively."

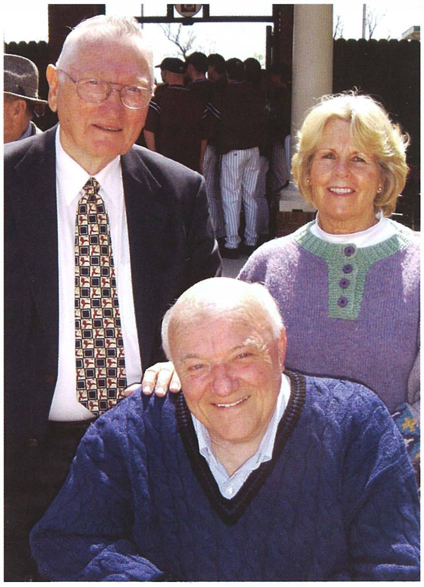
Keith Cox, MBA '05, Benton, La., is the chief executive officer for Strategic Planning for Future Growth and Development for Doctors Hospital. Keith says, "My Centenary MBA has served me well!"

Cris Bregman, MBA '06, Shreveport, La., is a senior vaccine sales representative at GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals and has won the Diamond Tier Award for high sales performance. She is among the 2006 Athena Award nominees, a select group of businesswomen in the Shreveport area.

Janice Sneed, MBA '06, Shreveport, La., is vice chancellor of community and workforce development at Southern University. She was selected as a 2006 Athena Award nominee, recognizing her achievements as a businesswoman in Northwest Louisiana.

CENTENARY SPECIAL EVENT

Brian Shoup, Beth Williams '00, James Williams '99, Beth Bonner DeVille '99, Julie Baldwin '98, Jackie Tisdell '00 and Eric Tisdell '00 support the Gents at Centenary's Alumni Tailgate Party Feb. 14 at the LSU Baseball Stadium.



The Rev. Wishy Nolan '54, George Schurman '57 and Faye Ramsey pose near the new Shehee Stadium entrance at its dedication.

Members of the 2006 MBA class congregate at the annual MBA Graduation Reception on May 4 at the Symphony House.

Megan Vaughn Lerchie '06 and Scott Lerchie '06 posed in the Faces of Centenary photo shoot with their wedding invitation and balloons shortly after their marriage in December 2005.

Marriages

John Weber '72, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., and Judy Krug of Dallas, May 26, 2006

Melissa Brigman '80, Tyler, Texas, and George Brigman, Nov. 19, 2005

Eric Brock '88, Shreveport, La., and Shannon Glasheen, Oct. 8, 2005

Ramona Frazier-Brown '98, Dallas, Texas, and Alex Brown Nov. 7, 2005

Kristin Sanders Malka '98, Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Haim Malka, April 14, 2006

Beth Bonner '99, Baton Rouge, La., and Matt DeVille, May 13, 2006

Erin Byrd '99, Springdale, Ark., and Shaun Oliver, May 29, 2004

Bonnie Wellborn '99, San Diego, Calif., and Alan Joeseph Malzewski

Torrey Bertheau '00, Lake Jackson, Texas, and Gina Marie Fuselier, August 2006

Matt Vandiver '00, Little Rock, Ark., and Lauren Younger Beard, March 4, 2006

David Campbell '01, Austin, Texas, and Lindsay Frances, March 11, 2005

Lee Powers '01, Enid, Okla., and Lt. Christopher Powers, Dec. 30, 2005

Jeffrey Swope '87, Austin, Texas, and Allison Elaine Ball, June 10, 2006

William Hamilton '02, Westminster, Md., and Bonnie Filipczak, Oct. 22, 2005

Brant Landry '02, Chalmette, La., and Julie Elizabeth Neal, Feb. 25, 2006

Nathan McAbee '03, Monroe, La., and Julie LaDart, Feb. 24, 2004

Kathryn Thompson '04, Solana Beach, Calif., and Brent Applegate, Sept. 3, 2006

Missy Kilanowski Kamenov '05, Shreveport, La., and **Vladimir Kamenov '05,** March 4, 2006

Did You Know?

Centenary's **first graduate**, Samuel W. Briggs, Class of 1827, was elected as the third mayor of Shreveport, La.

CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA — ESTABLISHED 1825

Births

Gil and **Kristin Brannon Ayala '87,** Aurora, Colo., adopted daughter from China, Jan. 5, 2006

Paul Ogden and **Angela Hope '89,** Amherst, Va., son, Ethan Scott, Dec. 27, 2005

Tessa and **Steve Brouillette '93,** Brandon, Miss., daughter, Mary Olivia, Sept. 28, 2005

Gregory and **Andra Roy Chernack '93,** Chevy Chase, Md., son, Benjamin Edward, April 24, 2006

Stephanie Keith-Kalk '93, Dixon, Calif., son, Nicholas Erke, Feb. 4, 2005

Adam and **Carol Davis Mahoney '93,** Livermore, Calif., daughter, Caslyn "Cassie" Reese, July 16, 2005

Doug and **Mary Jo Sumpter White '93,** Little Elm, Texas, daughter, Sept. 16, 2005

Chad '95 and **Theresa Carlson Ellis '95,** Nashville, Tenn., son, Duke Bennett, May 1, 2006

Chris and **Tami Jarecki Lund '95,** Waterford, Mich., Reagan, June 26, 2005

Chris '96 and **Dawn Frentress Norris '95,** Richardson, Texas, son, Jack Henry, April 4, 2006

Chris '95 and **Jennifer Everett Pledger '95,** Dallas, Texas, daughter, Caroline Kendall, May 8, 2006

Desiree and **Jonathan Chamberlain '96,** Charlotte, N.C., son, Adah, Sept. 20, 2005

J. Brian and **Elizabeth Means Culp '97,** Cleburne, Texas, son, Ian Taylor, Feb.25, 2006

John Shermer '97 and **Maggie Scoville '97,** APO, AE, daughter, Rebecca, Aug. 23, 2005

Erin Byrd '99 and Shaun Oliver, Springdale, Ark., son, Ethan Murray, Dec. 8, 2005

Kevin and **Natalie Thompson Gilmore '99,** Houston, Texas, daughter, Sydney Rebekah, Feb. 24, 2006

Mary Meriam-Goggin '01, APO, AP, daughter, Alexis Victoria, Oct. 12, 2005

Jason '02 and **Lauren Herndon Burnham '02,** Houston, Texas, son, Aidan Mitchell, Dec. 20, 2005

Alan and **Heather Lindsey Jordan '03,** McKinney, Texas, son, Jackson Reece, Oct. 15, 2005

College Mourns Loss of Three Longtime Benefactors, Trustees

The campus community has mourned the deaths of three longtime supporters of Centenary College during this past spring and summer. All were members of the Alumni Hall of Fame and were or had been members of the Centenary Board of Trustees. All were loyal Centenary alumni who worked tirelessly on behalf of numerous causes at the College. They are:

Dr. Charles T. Beaird
Class of 1966
April 18, 2006

Dr. Beaird, Shreveport businessman, newspaper publisher, philosophy professor at Centenary, died April 18, 2006, at Christus Schumpert Highland Hospital in Shreveport. He was 83. At Centenary he was benefactor of the Charles T. Beaird Eminent Scholars Chair of Philosophy and two endowed Beaird professorships, elected to the Alumni Hall of Fame in 1978, and was a member of the Centenary College Board of Trustees. His memorial service was held April 22, 2006, in Brown Chapel at Centenary.

Mr. Edwin Frost Whited
Class of 1943
June 9, 2006

Mr. Whited, Shreveport and Santa Fe, N.M, businessman and philanthropist; died June 9, 2006, in Santa Fe, N.M. He was 86. He was benefactor of the Frost School of Business, Frost Gardens and the Mary Amelia Douglas-Whited Eminent Scholars Chair in Neuroscience; was elected to the Alumni Hall of Fame in 1968; and was a former member and officer of the Centenary Board of Trustees. His memorial service was held Aug. 30, 2006, in Brown Chapel at Centenary.

Dr. Samuel P. Peters Jr.
Class of 1939
July 24, 2006

Dr. Peters, Shreveport civic and business leader and philanthropist, died July 24, 2006, at Grace Home in Shreveport. He was 87. Dr. Peters was a benefactor of the Samuel P. Peters Research Center, an 8,200-square-foot building at the front of the Centenary campus, which was named in his honor in 1990. He was elected to the Alumni Hall of Fame in 1989 and received an honorary doctorate from Centenary in 2000, alongside former First Lady Barbara Bush and novelist Ernest Gaines. In 1938–39 he was elected the first Centenary "Gent." His memorial service was held July 26, 2006, at First Methodist Church, Shreveport.

In Memoriam

Marjorie O'Neal Snider '33
May, 17 2006

Melba Fullilove Maino '37
Jan. 9, 2006

Samuel P. Peters Jr. '39
July 24, 2006

Aloyese Menasco Seyburn '39, May 15, 2006

Charles McCall '40
March 5, 2006

Beverly Robertson Evans '41
May 28, 2006

Helen Shaw Woods '41
March 14, 2006

LaRue Powell Vetsch '42
Feb. 16, 2006

Hugh Baker '43
May 26, 2006

Haywood Griffin '43
March 11, 2006

Harriett Crawford Middleton '43
March 25, 2006

Edwin Frost Whited '43
June 9, 2006

Mary Burt '45
June 2, 2006

Margaret Stringer Lewis '46
May 27, 2006

Beverly Duerson Alford '47
June 4, 2006

Eugene Clarke '47
May 29, 2006

James Robins '47
Jan. 22, 2006

Bob Destiche '48
March 27, 2006

Neil Hargrove '48
April 4, 2006

Bill Parker '49
March 4, 2006

Billy Jo Whitaker '49
March 5, 2006

James Bott '50
May 9, 2006

Joe B. McClellan '50
Feb. 15, 2005

Grady McWhiney '50
April 18, 2006

Raymond Yopp '50
April 2, 2006

William Brown '51
June 3, 2006

Martha Fulton McClelland '51
May 29, 2006

Ralph Meier '51
Feb. 4, 2006

Emily Brown Reynolds '52
May 11, 2006

Jack Smithwick '52
Feb. 22, 2006

Joe Murphy '54
Jan. 25, 2006

John Hess '55
May 11, 2006

Mary Holt Wright '55
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Leo Cage '59
May 29, 2006

Jean Ricks Driver '65
May 2, 2006

Randy James '65
May 1, 2006

Charles T. Beaird '66
April 18, 2006

Jim Hargrove '68
Dec. 1, 2004

Bob Collier '69
Dec. 20, 2005

Mary Dykes Hedgecock '71
Feb. 11, 2006

Kay Walther-Jones '81
Feb. 28, 2006

Nancy Peters Brown '96
April 15, 2006

COMMENCEMENT 2006

1) Professor Emerita Betty McKnight Speairs, who taught mathematics at Centenary from 1947 to 1987, has marched in 59 consecutive commencement processions. Here she prepares to march along with fellow professors emeriti Dr. Robert Ed Taylor, Mr. Bill Teague and Dr. Stanton Taylor.

2) Theatre majors Sarah Smith and Tim Broderick celebrate outside the Gold Dome.

3) Madelyn Campbell and Dr. Vicki LeFevers greet each other at the reception held afterwards in the Fitness Center.

4) Chair of the Physics Department Dr. Jeff Trahan congratulates daughter Kathryn after she receives her diploma.

5) Fellow Frost School of Business graduates Matija Fojs and Jonathan Wright smile for the camera after graduation.

6) Gulnara Chandler waves beside Kneece Camp as they anticipate their Master of Arts in Teaching degree.

7) Josh Thibodeaux waves to the crowd.

8) Friends and science colleagues Shelly Kearney and Michael Lombardino enjoy the satisfaction of being among the newest Centenary alumni.

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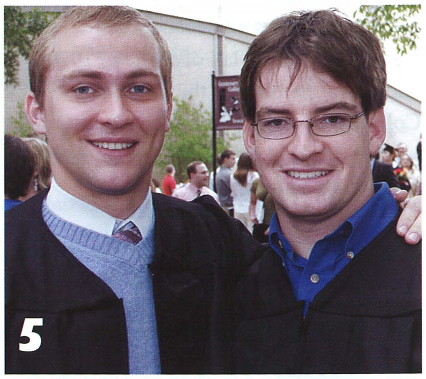
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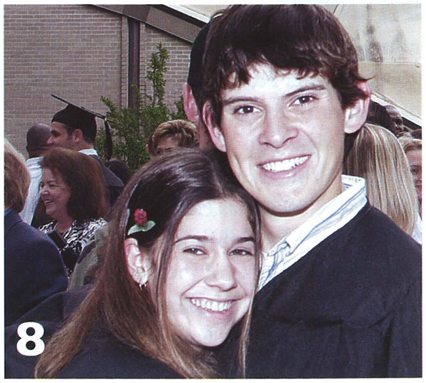
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alumni Accomplishments

INNOVATIVE LIBRARIAN INTRODUCES MODERN TECHNOLOGY, RECEIVES AWARD FROM LOUISIANA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

If you're thinking of a dowdy librarian with hair in bun and cat-eye glasses perched on the end of her nose hissing *shhhhh,* you've got it wrong.

Debra Cox Rollins '73, Pineville, La., a librarian at Louisiana State University in Alexandria, defeats the comical librarian stereotype. She's up-to-date on the latest technologies that help people access information more efficiently.

For her efforts, Rollins won the 2006 Anthony H. Benoit Mid-Career Award, given by the Louisiana Library Association. This award recognizes Rollins' implementation of a wireless computer network and a supply of laptop computers for student use at LSUA's Bolton Library. Having proposed the technological update back in 2003, Rollins received a Student Technology Fee Grant of $19,000 to cover the costs.

Her expertise in library work extends beyond her employment at LSUA. Rollins served for 16 years as a school library media specialist with the Rapides Parish School System. She has also participated in many professional organizations, including the American Library Association, the American Association of University Professors, the Louisiana Library Association and the American Association of School Librarians. Colleagues say that Rollins "unfailingly seeks to provide the best library service possible" and is "an extraordinary asset."

Rollins does nothing to perpetuate the image of a mousy bookmiser of a librarian, but she still might ask you to lower your voice if you visit her library.

2004 COMMUNICATION ALUMNA SELECTED TO INTERN IN KOSOVO

The Advocacy Project (AP) selected Barbra Bearden '04, who studied communication at Centenary, to be one of 18 graduate students from North American universities to intern this summer with AP partner organizations around the world. These interns were selected from over 140 applicants. Barbra is currently pursuing her master's in international communication at American University in Washington, D.C. Her research specialty is the role of culture, information technology and the educational system in democracy building and community empowerment for developing countries.

Her internship entails working with the Kosova Women's Network, an organization that seeks to support, protect and promote the rights and interests of women and girls throughout Kosovo.

Barbra's bio and blog:
www.advocacynet.org/cpage_view/06kwn_Introduction_77_440.html

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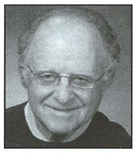
1954 ALUMNUS HONORED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ARTS, MUSIC AND CULTURE

Noel Tipton '54, Eastham, Mass., was recently honored by Eventide Arts for his contributions to the art, music and cultural life of Cape Cod.

After graduating from Centenary, where he studied piano and organ under Ralph Squires and William Teague, Tipton studied at the Juilliard School of Music in New York, earning a master's degree in piano performance. He then went to Columbia Teachers College and worked as a consultant to Dr. Robert Pace.

From 1958–88, he lived in Westfield, N.J., where he and his wife, Betty, also a Juilliard graduate, owned and operated a teaching studio. During the same period, Tipton also served as associate organist and choirmaster at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The Tiptons moved to Cape Cod in 1988. Both taught at the Cape Cod Conservatory of Music and Art, and Noel became director of music at Dennis Union Congregational Church. Betty continued to teach, but in 1993, Noel received a grant from the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust that allowed him a year's sabbatical so he could research Stephen Foster. This set him on a creative path that precluded his teaching in the future, but he retained his position as organist and choirmaster at Dennis Union Church.



In 1993, he started Eventide Arts, a cultural organization dedicated to the promotion of understanding social diversity through plays, concerts and mixed media events. Under Tipton's leadership, the organization received many grants, the most outstanding of which was from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities to produce a musical play about Stephen Foster and host a symposium called "Unraveling Racism, Minstrelsy Revisited." This symposium featured three national authorities on Stephen Foster: African American scholar Horace Clarence Boyer, biographer Ken Emerson and musicologist Deane Root.

Subsequently, he has written musical plays about Emily Dickinson and Anna Howard Shaw, the first female Methodist minister in the world, who was minister at Dennis Union Church from 1877–84.

Recently he was named Artistic Director Emeritus at a celebration including Eventide's honorary chairperson, Julie Harris. Harris received one of five 2005 Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Awards.

With the hefty organizational work behind him, Tipton is now free to continue his creative efforts. At the present time he is doing a major rewrite of *Amherst Sabbath,* a play with music based on the life and poetry of Emily Dickinson. With input from William Luce, author of the Tony Award-winning play *Belle of Amherst* and Julie Harris, who created the role, this creative effort advances the theory that the old congregational hymn tunes inspired some of Dickinson's most memorable and psychologically complex poems.

Creative alumna contributes to world of literature & film

Ashley Owens '06

As a senior, Ashley Owens '06 of Ruston, La., left her final mark on Centenary's campus by seeing an historic French edition through all stages of publication. Ashley worked with Centenary's Heritage Language Press to establish the text, format pages and design the cover for *Contes et Récits de la Louisiane Créole, Tome I (Accounts and Narratives of Creole Louisiana, Volume I)*, a book that contains 11 short stories written by various 19th century Louisiana authors.

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These stories were written in South Louisiana and represent a sampling of almost 70 years of literature, spanning 1846 to 1911. Many of the stories, including those by Alfred Mercier and George Dessommes, have not been read for over a century, having been in the possession of private collectors or simply overlooked in archives.

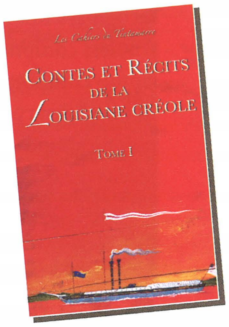
According to Ashley, this collection of short stories could "change the face of American literature," and she hopes it will be adopted by high school and college French curricula.

Utilizing software skills learned in her Centenary communication classes, she laid out the century-old manuscript in Adobe InDesign, building templates that she would pass on for other students' use.

Knowing that a book is often judged by its cover, Ashley embarked on a careful selection process to find a cover image that would reflect the book's rich content.

After searching for inspiration in the sculptures and stained glass windows of churches and paintings in museum catalogs, Ashley and her mentor, Dr. Dana Kress, professor of French at Centenary, stumbled upon a striking piece right under their noses at the Spring Street Historical Museum in downtown Shreveport.

Ashley recalls their discovery. "The color of the sky—a deep orange—drew me to the painting. It just said 'Louisiana' with the flatboat on the river, and it appropriately fit the mid-1800s time period."



The museum permitted Ashley to photograph the painting, "Steamboats at Sunset" by an unknown artist, and use it in her cover design. The original artwork is painted on a narrow, horizontal plank of wood, so Ashley digitally cloned the color and texture of the sky to fill space on the front cover.

Ashley's enthusiasm over the project was augmented by her special attraction to one of the stories, "Le Bouquet Funéraire" (1846), which appears first in the collection.

"It's a beautiful story, very modern for its time," Ashley says. "The suspenseful plot follows two men who grew up together in New Orleans. One is white and one is black. The white man falls in love with an alleged prostitute, and the black man becomes jealous of the other's affections. There are even possible gay undertones to be detected."

Ashley, also a film/television/video major, adapted the story into an eight-minute film for Dr. Michelle Glaros' advanced film class. Trumpet performance major Jeremy DeLaCerda '06 composed an original score performed by keyboardist Jeremy Alfred, violinist Tim Nicholson and vocalist Lori Lusted—all Centenary students.

Other students involved in Ashley's film were Monica Moltz, assistant director/editor, and actors Haley Young, John Bonner, Alan Jogiel, Vanna Richardson, Morgana Broussard and Jeremy DeLaCerda.

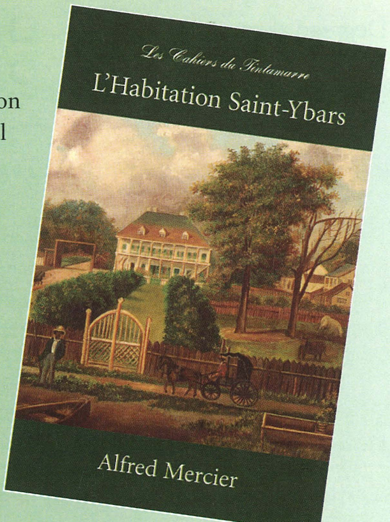
Ashley says the Heritage Language Press plans to print subsequent volumes each year, drawing from Dr. Kress' extensive collection of Creole literature, which he has accumulated over the years.

In addition, members of Dr. Kress' Louisiana literature class now translate French short stories into English as term projects, rather than writing papers. These English translations will eventually be compiled into books and made available to the public.

Having helped with publicity for the Robinson Film Center's "Movies and Moonbeams" program and worked as assistant stage manager for the 2005–06 season of the Shreveport Opera, Ashley wants to pursue a career in film and cinematography. She's currently exploring employment options in the booming movie business Shreveport has attracted lately. **KJ**

French Teachers Highlight Centenary Book

It's official. A book from Centenary College's *Les Cahiers du Tintamarre* series has been chosen one of the official books of 2007 by the American Association of Teachers of French. It is *L'Habitation Saint-Ybars* by Alfred Mercier.



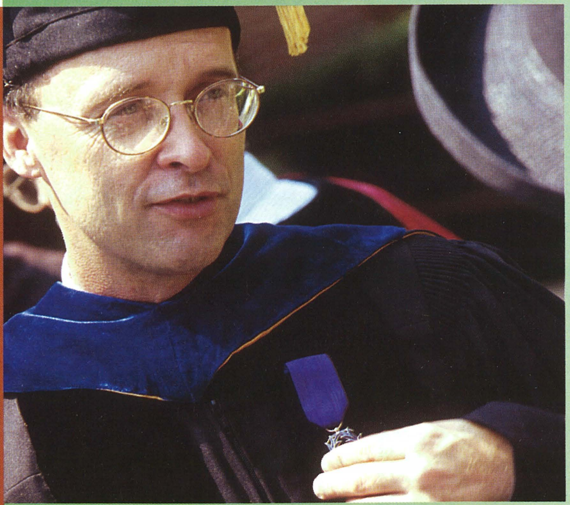
As an official selection, it will become part of the Association's Book Club and will be promoted before and during the annual convention of the group's 9,000 members. Additionally, the AATF will sponsor discussion groups that will focus on the work and it will be featured in all the Association's publications throughout the coming year.

"It is a super book," said Centenary French Professor Dana Kress, "and this honor is a prelude to the outright canonization of a major, if previously unknown, Louisiana writer."

The book is one of 20 books that have been saved from extinction and reprinted in their original languages by the Centenary Heritage Language Project through its two imprints, *Les Cahiers du Tintamarre* and *Les Éditions Tintamarre.*

Its author, Alfred Mercier, was born June 3, 1816, on the McDonogh plantation near New Orleans. He was a doctor and writer whose career represented the highest point of Creole literature. He spent much of his youth traveling in Europe where he studied medicine, frequented the salons of major romantic literary figures and established friendships with the radical thinkers of the period.

Members of the editorial staff for the book were Dr. Kress, chairman of Centenary's Department of Ancient and Modern Languages; Clint M. Bruce '01, a graduate student at Brown University and a French graduate of Centenary; David Cheramie of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana; Richard Guidry, the Louisiana Department of Education (retired); Carol Lazzaro-Weis, University of Missouri, Columbia; Chris Michaelides, University of Louisiana, Monroe; and May Rush Waggoner, University of Louisiana, Lafayette. The cover of the 2003 book was designed by then-student Susan King '04 of Centenary. **LS**



Dr. Dana Kress says, "It's a super book."

The Heritage Language Press

Since 2002, Centenary students and professors representing institutions of higher learning across the U.S. have published 20 editions through the Heritage Language Press. The Press publishes works that belong to America's rich multilingual tradition. The only university press within the United States devoted exclusively to American literature written in languages other than English, the Press actively seeks scholarly editions of historic works and contemporary creative endeavors in languages as varied as Arabic, Navajo, Chinese, French and German. Support for the Press has come through a grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

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Gender Studies Conference offers platform for student presentations on gender topics

The Associated Colleges of the South held its seventh biennial Women's and Gender Studies Conference at Centenary this past spring. Conference coordinators were Dr. Kim VanHoosier-Carey, assistant professor of English, and Dr. Michelle Wolkomir, assistant professor of sociology.

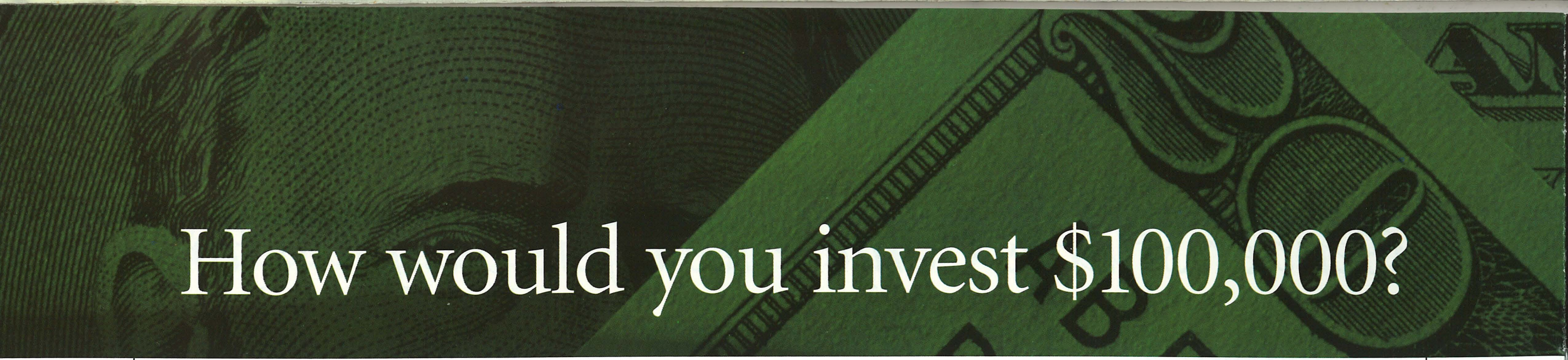
Students and faculty members from colleges and universities spanning the globe presented over 60 topics, from the cultural construction of gender to public policy and the legislation of women's health.

Keynote speaker Naomi Wolf, bestselling author of *The Beauty Myth,* speaks with Centenary student and presenter Amy Harrell. Wolf spoke about the social expectations for beauty standards that pressure women to obsess about physical appearance instead of expending energy on worthwhile pursuits.

Centenary student Sarah Eich argues that cyberculture fiction demonstrates how women are debased and disenfranchised by the futuristic technology that empowers men.

Centenary grad Dr. Carolyn Kapinus '92 spoke at the Conference. She is associate professor of sociology at Ball State University and director of the graduate studies program in sociology.

In her presentation, "Gender Atypical Positions within the Education System," recent graduate Debbie Elsen '06 contends that women's work is less valued than men's, and that sex segregation is very apparent in the workplace.



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The board of advisers, headed by Richard Seale '69, is comprised of alumni and representatives from the local investment community. Student managers provide monthly performance reports to the board and make a formal presentation to the full board each spring.

In addition to providing real-world experience for students, the SMIF's spending rule provides the business school with funds for technology upgrades, student travel and other program enhancements. This year, Dr. Davis was again able to travel with her students to the RISE Global Student Investment Strategy Symposium in Dayton, Ohio, where they heard presentations from nationally renowned industry leaders and participated in the student managed portfolio competition.

Emily Evans '06 remarks that the "experiences of working on the SMIF and participating in the RISE symposium were tremendous" and provided her with a realistic preview of what to expect when working in the investment and securities industry. Emily is currently employed at Crews and Associates, a full service investment banking firm in Little Rock, Ark.

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The Centenary Camerata's 53 members perform on stage at Carnegie Hall, one of the world's most prestigious venues, directed by Dr. Julia Thorn and accompanied by Gay Grosz. Dr. Will K. Andress, director of the Centenary College Choir for the past 33 years, receives the latest honor for the renowned Choir, a star in the Shreveport-Bossier Walk of Stars. The Centenary College Choir celebrated its 65th anniversary in 2006-07 and Andress announced that he would retire at the end of the academic year.

from the editor

Dear Alumni and Friends of Centenary College,

Any given academic year has its own unique set of events, accomplishments, beginnings and endings. The pages of this edition of *Centenary* magazine cover many of the happenings of the past few months and some exciting news of upcoming events, including the celebration of Centenary's 100th year in Shreveport-Bossier in 2008. There's an entire year's worth of festivities in the works, so tune in to www.centenary.edu for updates in the upcoming months.

This issue has a bit of a musical theme as several of our features deal with vocal music milestones. There's a feature and photos from Camerata's performance by invitation at Carnegie Hall, one of our nation's most prestigious venues. See pages 20-23 for details. And there are articles related to the renowned Centenary College Choir (Page 16), which celebrated its 65th anniversary this year and also marked the end of an era for its longtime director (pages 12-15). Dr. Will K. Andress retires at the end of June 2007 and Choir alumnus David Hobson takes the helm as director on July 1.

There's even a musical headline, "60 Years of Pomp and Circumstance," in our feature about the amazing Betty McKnight Speairs, who has marched in the annual graduation exercises for six decades. This past May's ceremony brought an additional twist, however, as Centenary bestowed an honorary doctorate on this most-faithful and energetic of professors emeriti, who is featured on pages 10-11.

Centenary students continue to expand their horizons with semesters abroad and through May Modules and service experiences. May graduate Kacie Lopez writes on pages 24-26 about the experiences of junior philosophy major Mindy Diez, the first participant in our new exchange program in Hong Kong.

On the outside back cover, there's the great news about all of Centenary's 2005-06 medical school applicants getting accepted. That accomplishment by 21 students is heralded by one of Centenary's many fine physicians, Dr. Patrick Sewell '86, who has been named one of "America's Best Doctors." He talks about Centenary's role in his med school preparation and about the critical difference between Centenary and other schools.

Additionally, *Centenary* carries throughout its pages news about you, the members of the Centenary family as you live, work and serve—on the campus and throughout the world.

On a personal note, as I near my retirement from Centenary at the end of June, I would like to say that it has been a privilege to get to know so many of you in the Centenary family. I have been fortunate to know about your accomplishments and to chronicle them in Centenary publications, news media and web pages for these past 13 and a half years. You are an elite group, bound together for life by the Centenary experience and a love of your alma mater. We've told some of your stories, but there are so many, many more to tell. I look forward to reading and viewing more of them in future editions and venues.

Sincerely,
Lynn Stewart
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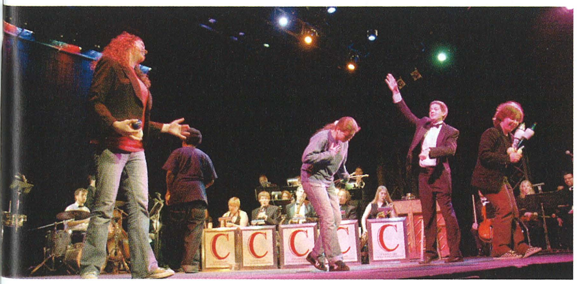
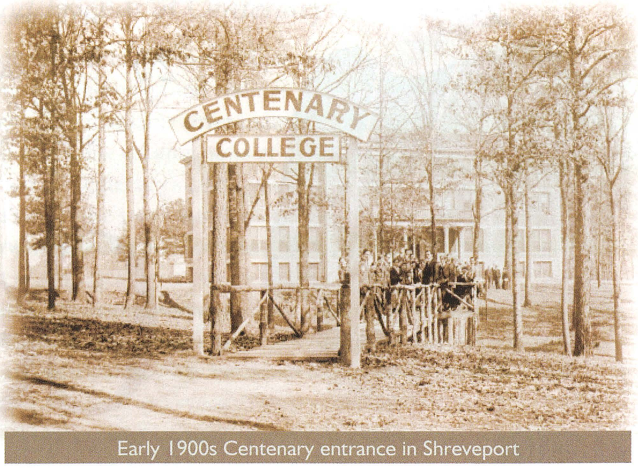


Celebrate Our Centennial in 2008!

Centenary College of Louisiana will be a grand 183 years old in 2008 but we will also celebrate a special anniversary—the 100th—of our move to Shreveport from Jackson, La. Just after the turn of the century and in the midst of an economic boom in Northwest Louisiana, Centenary opened the doors of Jackson Hall in 1908.

Throughout the area and involving the entire Centenary community wherever in the world they may now be, Centennial organizers are preparing a host of activities for the year-long Centennial Celebration. More details will be in the next *Centenary* magazine and at www.centenary.edu, but mark your calendars now for the gala Founders' Day and Homecoming Weekend Celebration that will occur on Feb. 21-24, 2008.

In advance of that, we're also gathering memories and Centenary stories from current times all the way back as far as we can find. You're invited to send us your Centenary memories and even photos of events both large and small, people you knew, lessons that stayed with you, funny things that happened or comforting words received, professors and friends who formed your own personal Centenary experience.



Early 1900s Centenary entrance in Shreveport

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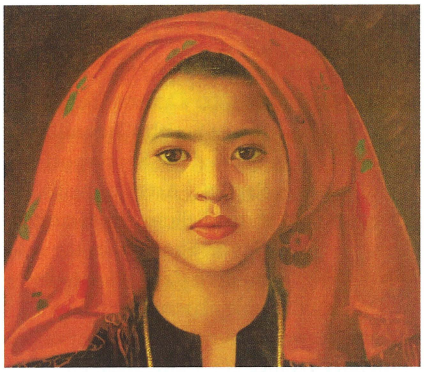
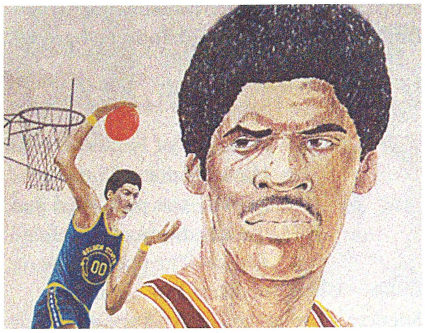
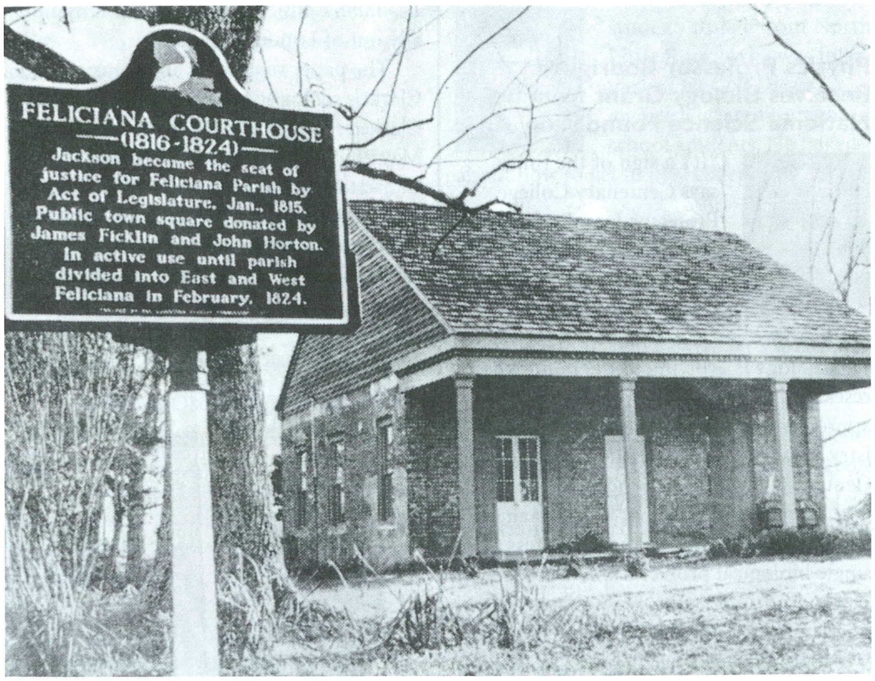


<<Meadows Museum of Art first opened in 1975 with a permanent collection of French Indochinese artwork by Jean Despujols. With rotating exhibits ranging from journalistic photographs of the young Elvis Presley to utilitarian Japanese pottery, the museum continues to serve as a tremendous cultural and educational resource for the region.

Tega by Jean Despujols

Alumnus Robert Parish '76 >> was Centenary's first basketball player to go professional in his sport, competing with the Boston Celtics and Chicago Bulls over his 21-year career. He won four NBA titles and was enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003, holding the NBA record for most seasons and games played.

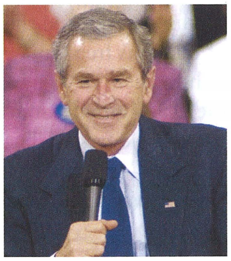



FELICIANA COURTHOUSE
(1816-1824)
Jackson became the seat of justice for Feliciana Parish by Act of Legislature, Jan., 1815. Public town square donated by James Ficklin and John Horton. In active use until parish divided into East and West Feliciana in February, 1824.

Centenary's classes were first held in Jackson, La. in the abandoned Feliciana Parish Courthouse, which is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tennis and baseball were the first sports sponsored by the College. Across its history, Centenary would include programs in baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, riflery, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

In 1890, women were first admitted into Centenary's formerly all-male student body, but it wasn't until 1900 that women graduated alongside men. During that first decade, women were awarded "Certificates of Completion," no diplomas.



Centenary hosted its first sitting president, George W. Bush, in February of 2005 for a town meeting on Social Security reform. Presidential candidate Ronald Reagan visited the Centenary campus 15 years earlier in October 1980—also addressing a packed crowd in the Gold Dome.

Centenary's yearbook, the *Yoncopin*, which is named after a water lily, was first published in 1921. A student-run weekly newspaper originated in 1890 as *The Maroon and White*, but changed its name to *The Conglomerate* in 1923—a name it has maintained ever since.

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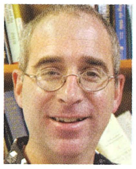
Faculty and Students Earn Honors, Grants, Publish, Serve and Speak

Otto Speaks for Schreyer-Russell Lectures at Pfeiffer University

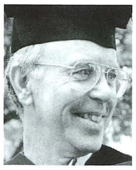


Dr. David Otto, professor of religious studies and the Arthur and Emily Webb professor of International Studies at Centenary College of Louisiana, was guest speaker during the Schreyer-Russell Lectures at Pfeiffer University. He compared the answers to Jesus' provocative question, "Who do you say that I am?" offered by the four Gospel writers and highlighted various portraits of Jesus at key times in U.S. history and within selected subcultures.

Grunes Earns Scholarship Award, Publishes Chapter

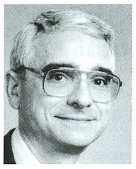
Dr. Rodney Grunes, professor of political science, was named the recipient of the Distinguished Scholarship Award from the International Lincoln Center at Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Grunes's research focused on how Presidents Lincoln, Jefferson and Madison addressed the constitutional right of religious freedom, with emphasis given to how their views have been treated by the U.S. Supreme Court. He also had a chapter, "Jefferson, Lincoln, and Religious Freedom," featured in the edited book *The Great Presidential Triumvirate At Home And Abroad.*

Newtown Wins *Dallas Morning News* Award



Centenary English Professor **George Newtown** was the winner of *The Dallas Morning News* First Prize Nonfiction Award for Literary Excellence and $3,000 for his essay-memoir "Voir Dire." He received the award during the second annual Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Writers Conference of the Southwest, presented by the University of North Texas Mayborn Graduate Institute of Journalism.

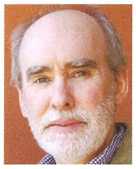
Shepherd and Alums Preserve Louisiana History



Dr. Sam Shepherd, professor of history, was the editor of *New Orleans* and *Urban Louisiana,* a three-volume set published by the Center for Louisiana Studies. The set focuses on the history of New Orleans and includes articles about Shreveport and Baton Rouge.

Three Centenary alumni contributed articles: **Alicia Kaigler Jackson '95, Alyce Boudreaux Hoge '85** and **Todd Hebert '89.**

Yale Review Publishes Havird Poem



Professor of English **David Havird's** poem "Smoking in Bed," was published in a recent edition of *The Yale Review.* The poem was dedicated to Elizabeth Spencer, novelist and short story writer, who received Centenary's Corrington Award for Literary Excellence in 1996-97.

Physics Professor Rodriguez Receives Biology Grant from National Science Foundation

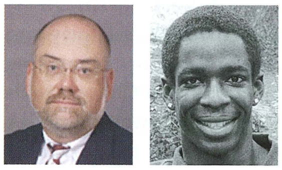
"It's a sign of the times" says Centenary College Professor Juan Rodriguez of the $154,000 in funding he received from the National Science Foundation.

"Biology is evolving to the point where research in the field often requires approaches based on mathematics, chemistry, physics, or engineering. The Centenary project just funded by the NSF is perhaps unusual in that it brings all of those disciplines into focus to address a single biological problem."

Dr. Rodriguez, who is a professor of physics and biophysics, as well as the Gus Wortham Professor of Engineering, will lead a team of undergraduate students from Centenary College in advancing all aspects of this research.

Shreveport Regional Arts Council Fellowship Goes to Dance Teacher

Renee Smith-Cheveallier received the Shreveport Regional Arts Council's Artist Fellowship Award in Dance. She teaches the modern dance classes and the Dance Ensemble class at Centenary and also serves as co-artistic director of Centenary's dance company, Escaped Images.



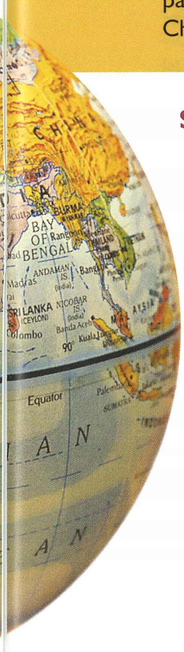
Professor, Alumnus Collaborate on Tourism Economics Article

Dr. David Hoaas, professor of economics and associate dean of the college, is the author, along with alumnus **Greg Clarke** of an article published in *Tourism Economics,* which is published internationally out of London, England.

The paper represents an extension of Clarke's senior economics honors project. Clarke received his B.A. in economics in May 2005. He is originally from Ontario, Canada and now works for HSBC Bank of Canada. His current assignment with HSBC is in Calgary, Alberta.

Centenary Students Give Back…

The men of Theta Chi collected slightly used suitcases, duffle bags and backpacks for the local YWCA to give to abused women. During the holidays they also collected non-perishable food for the needy… **The Centenary Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota** collected music and instruments to donate to music programs in need, including schools in hurricane-devastated areas… At least twice a year, first-year student **Lauren Bedevian** joins a group from Christ United Methodist Church in College Station, Texas to do mission work in Reynosa, Mexico. She helps build houses and leads a Vacation Bible School program for children in the area… Student **Jennifer Bouso** of Bossier City, who joined the first Centenary students helping out those in need following Hurricane Katrina and later volunteered much more time, was featured in a recent edition of *Louisiana Now!*, the newspaper of the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. Following her work down south, Ms. Bouso put her feeling on canvas via a painting she later presented to St. Mark's United Methodist Church. The author of the article, "Revealing Hope," was **Anita Dinwiddie** of Centenary's Class of 1980… **The Ladies of the Centenary gymnastics** team once again participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, an event designed to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research… Members of the **Centenary Baseball Team** visited with young patients at the Shriner's Hospital for Children.



Studying Around the Globe

This past fall **Oscar Gonzalez** studied in Lille, France… **Jennifer Cook** and **Lauren Christine Broussard** pursued studies in Mexico… **Versha Sharma** enjoyed the people and culture of Italy… **Cecilia Chea** spent the whole year in Northern Ireland… and **Mindy Diez** spent the spring semester abroad in Hong Kong as the first student to participate in the Chinese exchange with Lingnan University. Read about her experiences on page 24.

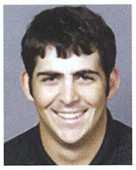
Student Spends Internship Charting Gulf of Mexico's Dead Zone

Student **Elizabeth Robinson** of Shreveport completed a productive internship with the Hypoxia Shelf-Wide Cruise, charting the Louisiana "Dead Zone" in the Gulf of Mexico. She joined scientists, students and faculty from the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium, Louisiana State University and the Harvard School of Public Health as the sole representative from Centenary.

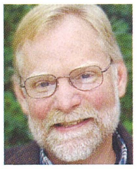
Student Educates High School Students on Abusive Relationships

Carol Verbeek, a political science major hailing from Tyler, Texas, was awarded the Gold Award by the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. She talked with 300 high school students at four private schools on abusive relationships, focusing on sexual abuse and date rape drugs.

Golf Digest Features Centenary Student



Nick Faitz, a first-year student-athlete from North Little Rock, Ark., was interviewed by *Golf Digest* for an article geared to high school students. He talked about how to get to play college golf.



Local Editorial Praises Civic Engagement Project

Recent graduate **Diya Surie '06** and English **Professor Steven Shelburne** were mentioned favorably on the editorial page of *The (Shreveport) Times* in an editorial about the City of Shreveport's attempts to control the hydrilla plant in Cross Lake.

Here's what *The Times* said: "Sidenote: With city Operational Services making a necessary but prudently conservative step, the hydrilla plan also highlights a great example of local academia providing an important resource for solving practical issues facing our community. The hydrilla strategy is based largely on a Centenary College study written by recent student Diya Surie, principal investigator for a fledgling venture into civic engagement based at the school, and overseen by Professor Steven Shelburne. The project was funded by the Kisatchie Foundation, an affiliate of the Sierra Club.

"Such collaborations should be both celebrated and encouraged… Such partnerships benefit both the community and the academic institutions. They also hold promise for spinning off commercial endeavors that promote knowledge-based industry."

Three are Latest Editors of Books while Still Undergraduates

Greenwood

Smith

Loer

Three books written in French and produced through Centenary's unique Heritage Language Press have recently been released. They are **Jenni Loer's** *Lydia*, by the Creole writer Alfred Mercier; **Roxie Smith's** *Fables et Reveries* by Creole poet Jules Choppin; and **Mary Greenwood's** *Histoire des comites de Vigilence des Attakapas.* Greenwood was also accepted to graduate school in French at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

More good news about Heritage Language Press books: *L'Ecole Gombo* by **Kirby Jambon** of the Lafayette, La., area, a modern work, was chosen the best work of fiction written in French in 2006. The honor came from the publication *Mondes Francophones.*

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New Horizon
The First Mission to

Space Engineer Alum Talks about NASA Project

William Gibson '68, Centenary alumnus and assistant vice president of Space Science and Engineering at the Southwest Research Institute, speaks on campus. He talked about his role as development leader of spacecraft instruments for NASA's recent New Horizons mission to Pluto. Following his convocation address, members of the Math Club and Physics Club hosted a luncheon for Gibson. There he presented information about SwRI's research programs and employment and internship opportunities. Gibson graduated in 1968 with a B.S. in engineering science and went on to manage projects to develop scientific instruments and other systems on space shuttles and satellites. In 2003, he received the NASA Public Service Medal, the highest level of award available to a non-NASA employee.

Corrington Awardee Yusef Komunyakaa Speaks on Campus

Pulitzer Winner and Centenary Corrington Award honoree for 2006, Yusef Komunyakaa, speaks with students gathered in Turner Art Center. A native of Bogalusa, La., Komunyakaa has taught English and African American studies at universities across the country. From 1965–67, Komunyakaa served in Vietnam as a U.S. Army information specialist and editor of the *Southern Cross,* a military newspaper, and received the Bronze Star for his service. He has won many awards for his poetry, most notably the Pulitzer Prize in 1994 for *Neon Vernacular: New and Selected Poems.* While at Centenary, he read selections from the book, which first-year students were studying.

Did You Know?

Marjorie Lyons Playhouse will celebrate its **50th** year in 2008.

Education, Meadows Museum Earn Accreditations

National accreditations were granted this year to two entities at Centenary College, both after intensive self study and review.

The Department of Education has received provisional accreditation from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Meadows Museum of Art has earned re-accreditation from the American Association of Museums (AAM).

Congratulations to all involved in these efforts.

Regents Award $183,485 in Support Fund Grants for 3 Centenary Projects

Louisiana Board of Regents Support Funds, announced in May, amounted to $183,485 in grants for three Centenary projects. The projects and the grant applicants are:

- $108,000 to expand the capabilities of the scanning electron microscope provided by the earlier NASA appropriations grant (Dr. Scott Vetter, William C. Woolf Professor of Geology)
- $48,517 for a neuroscience curricular development for students planning to enter the health sciences (Dr. Greg Butcher, assistant professor of neuroscience)
- $26,968 for equipment to establish a music technology classroom (Dr. Doug Rust, assistant professor of music)

20th Annual Book Bazaar Raises Record Amount; Upcoming Event is Sept 7-8 in the Gold Dome

The Centenary Muses outdid themselves last fall when the 20th annual Centenary Book Bazaar raised over $47,500—an all-time record high! But this year promises to be a banner one as well, as book donations continue to pour in.

Tell your friends and mark your calendars for the 21st annual event. It's set for the evening of Friday, Sept. 7, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Take advantage of a wealth of books, records, CDs, DVDs and tapes at bargain prices while doing a good thing for student projects.

Three Rooms Celebrate Those Who Have Helped Make Centenary Great

The Hall of Fame Room

Once gracing the foyer of the South Dining Hall, the Centenary Alumni Hall of Fame now has a room all its own in the newly renovated Bynum Commons. Portraits of all those who have received Centenary's highest honor—selection to the Hall of Fame—have new frames and now grace the walls of a paneled and richly appointed space. The room will be available for small conferences and it will be on display during Homecoming.

Nelson Board Room Honors George D. Nelson Sr.

Complete with a new board room table and furniture, computer and video equipment and mementoes from the 30-year chairmanship of the late George D. Nelson, the Nelson Board Room is located on the second floor of Hamilton Hall, in the space where Mr. Nelson oversaw many a board meeting. "Carolyn Nelson has assisted us in appointing the Nelson Board Room in a way that would represent the integrity and quality of the man her father was during his leadership at Centenary," said President Ken Schwab. "I'm increasingly grateful for her willingness to support this project and to support the endowed professorship in her father's honor."

Nelson and Voran Endowed Professorships >>

Celebrating three new endowed professorships at Centenary, which were presented during Louisiana Board of Regents ceremonies, are (left to right) Dr. Will K. Andress, attending to represent the A.C. "Cheesy" Voran Choir Director Endowed Professorships No. 3 and 4, and Carolyn Nelson and George D. Nelson Jr., the daughter and son of the late George Nelson Sr., whose memory is honored by the newly created George D. Nelson Sr. Endowed Professorship.

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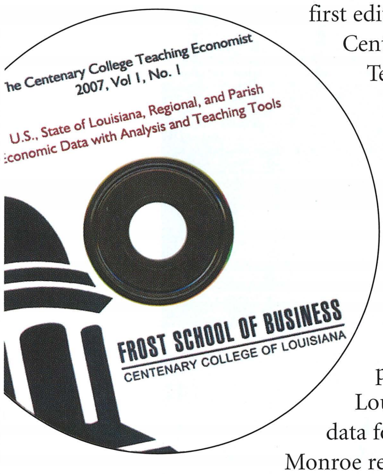
The Whited Room, Honoring Edwin Frost Whited

The newly refurbished South Dining Hall, now known as The Whited Room, was celebrated during the December luncheon of the Centenary Board of Trustees. On hand to celebrate the space honoring the late Edwin Frost Whited were his daughter, Mary Amelia Whited-Howell '88, son-in-law Philip B. Howell '87 and grandchildren Philip Carter Howell, Amelia Reid Howell and Henry Frost Howell. They are pictured here with Centenary President Kenneth L. Schwab.

Economics Professors Develop Interactive CD for Use By High School Teachers

With funding from the Louisiana Board of Regents, Professors Harold Christensen and Betsy Rankin published the first edition of The Centenary College Teaching Economist, produced in an interactive CD format. The CD contains data and analysis on employment, CPI and other economic indicators, for the 22 parishes in North Louisiana, aggregated data for Shreveport and Monroe regions, the entire state of Louisiana and the United States. According to Chris Martin, dean of the Frost School of Business, the uniqueness of the CD publication is both its interactive format and its specific tailoring for use by Louisiana high school economics and free enterprise teachers.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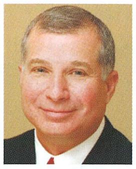
One attribute of the CD is a map of Louisiana parishes on which teachers or students can click to get the data for that particular parish. Once a parish is selected, there is the option of a teacher's sheet or the student's sheet. The student's sheet contains just the raw data. The teacher's sheet includes the data as well as "Teaching Moments," which are guides for the teachers on how best to use the information in class and what peculiarities are significant or of interest.

Dr. Earle Labor, George A. Wilson Professor of American Literature, and President Ken Schwab take a look at a bust of Jack London during a visit last fall to the Huntington Library. Dr. Labor is an internationally known London authority.

Centenary Trustee Carl Stewart is the keynote speaker during Centenary's observance of Constitution Day. Stewart has served as a judge on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for more than 12 years.

Thanks Gordon LeBlanc Jr. for Indy Bowl Fame!



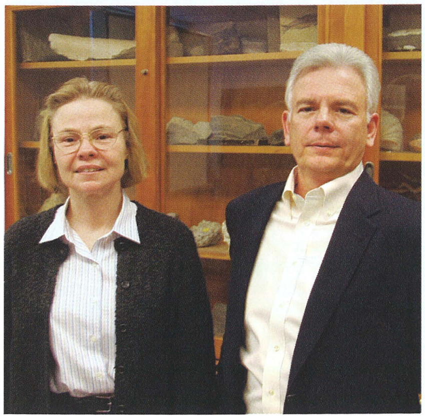
If you watched the PetroSun Independence Bowl football game on television last December you may have noticed two "commercial" spots for Centenary during the game. And if you looked closely, you could note an acknowledgement thanking PetroSun for the air time.

The spots and indeed the bowl itself were all thanks to Centenary alumnus Gordon M. LeBlanc Jr., a member of the Centenary Class of 1974. He is CEO and chairman of PetroSun and is a third-generation member of the oil and gas industry with over 30 years of experiences as an operator and geological consultant.

PetroSun's web site notes that LeBlanc was driven to discover new energy production and reserves, founding LeBlanc Oil (1985) and Tiger Energy (1990) to concentrate on developing oil and gas prospects in the Holbrook Basin of Arizona, the San Juan Basin of New Mexico, the Canning Basin of Western Australia and the Cooper-Eromonga and Surat basins of Queensland, Australia.

It also notes that LeBlanc oversees a variety of philanthropic endeavors. He is the co-founder of "Every Kid Counts," a 501-C3 children's charity based in Phoenix, Arizona, and has actively served for the past 10 years as co-chairman of a group dedicated to fundraising efforts benefiting officers of the Phoenix Police Department.

And, we're pleased to say, the biographical sketch notes, "Mr. LeBlanc majored in petroleum geology at Centenary College of Louisiana." Thanks, Gordon, for giving back to your alma mater and the Shreveport-Bossier community.



« Geological Group Honors Prof, Alum for Creative Ideas in Exploration

A Centenary College geology professor and a geology graduate have been recognized for their creative ideas in petroleum exploration. At its 2007 fall meeting in Corpus Christi, Texas, the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies will recognize Dr. Mary Barrett, professor of geology, and Centenary alumnus and Ergon Exploration, Inc. geologist John Goodson Jr..

They will receive the group's A. I. Levorsen Memorial Award for their paper "High-Resolution Foraminiferal Biostratigraphy of Cenomanian and Turonian Sandstones, Tyler County, Texas." The paper was presented at the GCAGS meeting in Lafayette and published in its annual transactions. It was selected from 67 petroleum geoscience papers that focused on the onshore and offshore Gulf of Mexico region.

Dr. Barrett has been a member of the Centenary faculty since 1992. At Centenary, Goodson earned a bachelor of science in geology degree in 1984 and a master of science in geology in 1998.

upCOMING EVENTS

2007-08

Thurs., Aug. 16 – Sun., Aug. 19 and Thurs., Aug. 23 – Sun., Aug. 26
Taming of the Shrew/Romeo & Juliet
Marjorie Lyons Playhouse
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and
2 p.m. Sunday

Mon., Aug. 27
Classes begin for 2007-08 academic year

Tues., Aug. 28
Annual President's Convocation
Brown Memorial Chapel, 11 a.m.

Fri. and Sat., Sept. 7–8
21st Annual Book Bazaar
Centenary Gold Dome
Open 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Friday and
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday

Mon., Sept. 17
Constitution Day Lecture
Marjorie Lyons Playhouse
6 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 27 – Sun., Sept. 30 and Thurs., Oct. 4 – Sun. Oct. 7
On the Verge
Marjorie Lyons Playhouse
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and
2 p.m. Sunday

Sat., Oct. 13
Admissions Open House

Sat., Nov. 3 and Sun., Nov. 4
Rhapsody in View
Riverview Hall, Shreveport Riverfront
7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday

Thurs., Nov. 8 – Sun., Nov. 11
Conference of the Southwest Association of College and University Residence Halls (SWACURH)
Throughout campus

Thurs., Nov. 8 – Sun., Nov. 11
Antigone (Student Production)
Marjorie Lyons Playhouse
8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and
2 p.m. Sunday

Sat., Dec. 1
Admissions Open House

Fri., Dec. 7
Annual Candlelight Christmas Service
Brown Memorial Chapel, 5:45 p.m.
Followed by a reception in Magale Library

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Mon., Jan. 14
Classes begin for spring semester

Mon., Jan. 21
Martin Luther King Day Convocation
Brown Memorial Chapel, 11 a.m.

Sun., Feb. 10
Winter Meeting of the North Louisiana Historical Association
Whited Room of Bynum Commons

Sun.-Sun., Feb. 17-24
Homecoming activities all week long

Thurs., Feb. 21
Annual Founders' Day Convocation
100th Anniversary Celebration of Centenary's move to Shreveport-Bossier in 1908
Morning Call, 9:45 a.m., Convocation in Brown Memorial Chapel, 11 a.m.
Other festivities to be announced

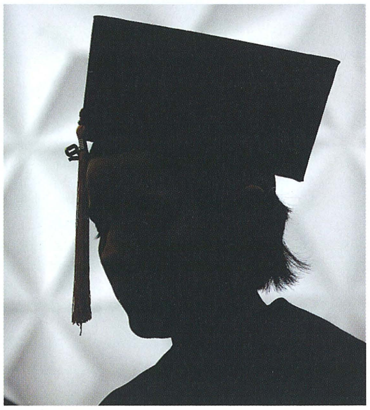
Fri. and Sat., March 7-8
Scholars Weekend
Meadows Museum and Whited Room,
Bynum Commons

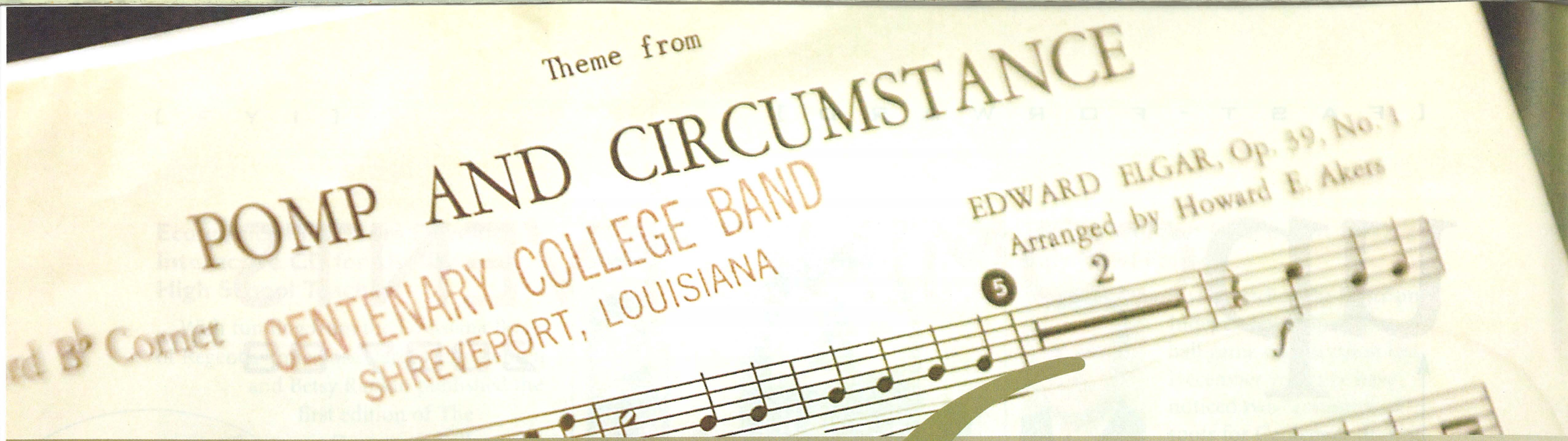
Thurs., April 24
Honors Convocation
Brown Memorial Chapel, 5 p.m.

Fri., April 25
Annual Student Research Forum
Carlile Auditorium and Kilpatrick
Auditorium, all day

Sat., May 10
Baccalaureate and commencement exercises
Centenary Gold Dome
10:30 a.m.

Note: Some calendar events are subject to change. Please check with event sponsors closer to the events or consult www.centenary.edu.

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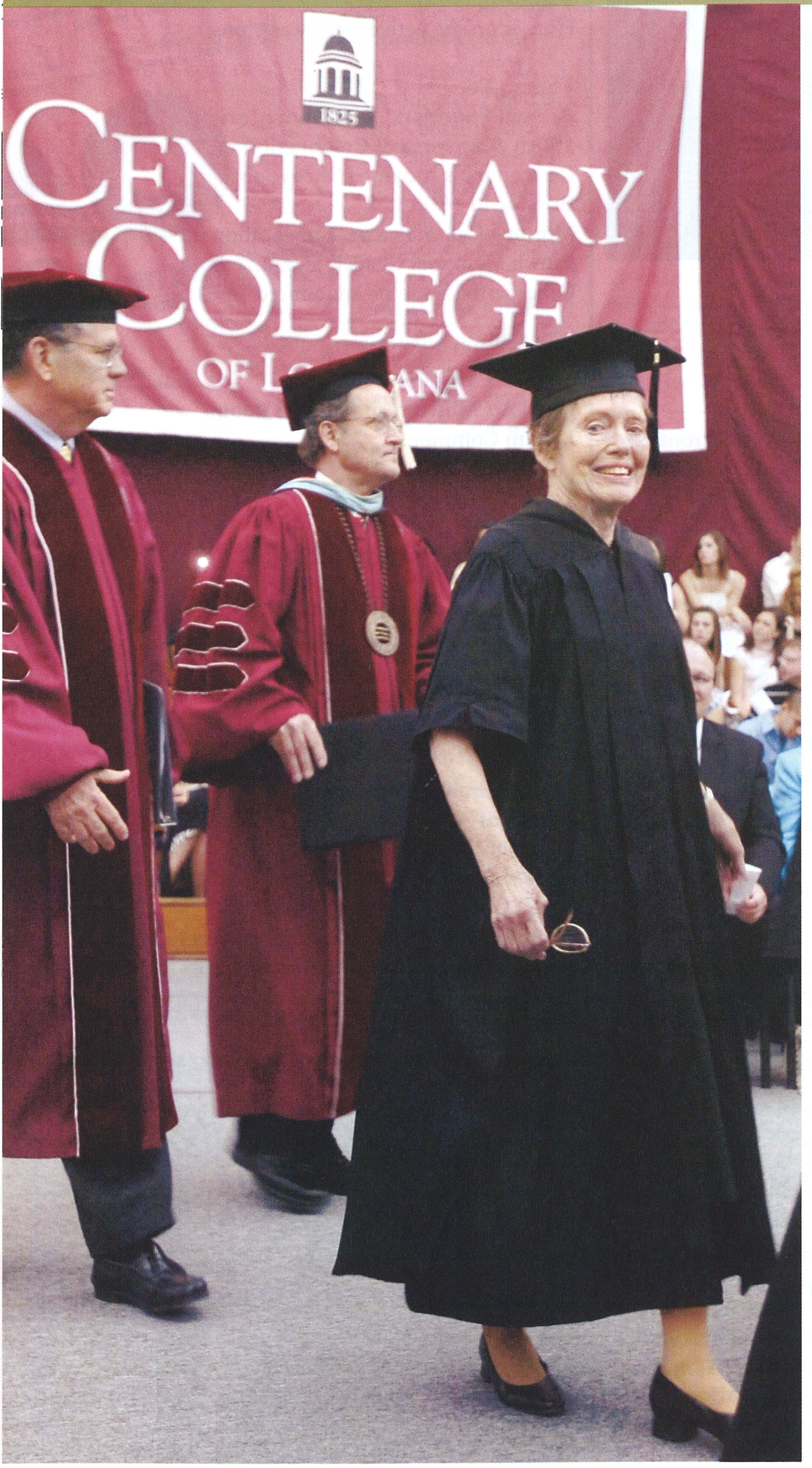
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60 YEARS of Pomp and Circumstance at Centenary

BETTY MCKNIGHT SPEAIRS COMPLETES SIX DECADES OF PARTICIPATING IN ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Is there any professor anywhere who has marched in a college's annual commencement procession for 60 consecutive years with nary an absence? There's at least one. She's Betty McKnight Speairs, professor emerita at Centenary College of Louisiana.

On May 5, 2007, the sprightly 82-year-old marched in Centenary's academic procession for the 60th time since she joined the faculty at age 22 and tackled math classes teeming with returning World War II veterans.

"Centenary has been my life and I have always wanted to participate and be involved," Speairs said with a smile. She was especially pleased at this year's turn of events when Centenary presented her with an honorary doctorate.

MISS McKNIGHT TAKES A DIVE.

Centenary *Yoncopin* yearbook photos, circa 1950s

"I was flabbergasted," she said. "(As a faculty member) I had voted on honorary doctorates for years and we never voted on one like this."

Though often called "Dr." over the years, Mrs. Speairs corrected that notion whenever possible. "I'm just Mrs. I don't have a doctorate," she would point out. Now, she doesn't have to utter that correction any more.

Lengthy Tenure Wasn't Planned

Her lengthy tenure at Centenary was unplanned, as are so many of life's events. She had originally intended to teach high school math and indeed had done only student teaching when she completed her master's degree at Southern Methodist University. But returning soldiers, sailors and the G.I. Bill brought demands for faculty as Centenary's enrollment almost doubled. Still, high schools were adding the 12th year and college officials were expecting fewer students the following year, so she started with just a one-year appointment. "I had no teaching experience, got tenure in three years and was promoted to full professor without a doctorate," she recalls. "I've had many surprises and many blessings over the years."

The one-year appointment was extended when another Centenary professor resigned to take a then-huge $1,000 yearly pay raise at another campus. That's compared to Mrs. Speairs's beginning annual salary of $2,250, she recalled. "That's why I got to stay 40 years instead of one."

Along the way, she met a handsome biology professor—Richard K. Speairs, who came to Centenary in 1949 and became her good friend and ultimately her husband in 1961. Shortly after their marriage, the couple decided to find a place where they could take students on field trips. They found it in the nearest mountains— some 200 miles away from Shreveport near Mena, Ark., surrounded by national forest lands. Though their union ended with Dick's death due to West Nile virus in 2005, their Ouachita Mountain Biological Station remains in existence today, managed by a director and a resident manager, and continuing to serve students.

An Extraordinary Career

Centenary's bestowing of the honorary Doctor of Science degree is the latest surprise in an extraordinary career at a single institution, a career that included Mrs. Speairs's receipt of the Outstanding Teacher Award in 1981 and her designation as Honorary Alumna in 1978.

Upon her retirement in 1987 after 40 years, Centenary's magazine said: "Her rapport with students, her willingness and eagerness to volunteer for special projects and her interest in everything that had to do with Centenary College past, present and future has endeared Mrs. Speairs to the entire Centenary family." The article also described her as "a 5-foot-2, 62-year-old strawberry blonde ...who doesn't look much different from the day she started teaching at Centenary." Indeed her health was a source of amazement and commentary as well over the years. She never missed a day of class due to illness in all her 40 years, and unless she was at a conference, never missed a single one of the compulsory chapel services held every week until they were discontinued in the 1970s. "I was sick once, but it was in the summer and I wasn't teaching," she said.

Seems that Betty McKnight Speairs is just tailor made for the term "They just don't make 'em like that any more."

Betty McKnight Speairs, Professor Emerita of Mathematics, wears the 80-year-old master's robe that once belonged to legendary Centenary biology professor Mary Warters. Speairs has worn the robe to some 37 of the 60 annual commencements in which she has marched with the faculty in academic procession.

ANDRESS RETIRES AFTER 33 years AT THE HELM OF THE CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR

File photo shows a young Will Andress as director of the Centenary College Choir. He also was a student member of the Choir (1959-60 Choir pictured).

The Centenary College Choir is world renowned and a major reason for that has been the leadership of its director for the past 33 years, Will K. Andress.

An alumnus of the Choir himself, Andress brought a passion to his work that built upon venerable Choir traditions and elevated them to legendary status by the end of academic year 2006–07. As he hangs up his director's hat with official retirement at the end of June 2007, he can look back with pride upon a stellar list of personal and Choir accomplishments, including:

- Performing in 31 countries on six continents, including Russia, South Africa, Australia, India and China
- Visiting the The White House seven times to entertain Presidents, First Ladies and guests during annual holiday receptions
- Opening the Super Dome alongside Al Hirt and Pete Fountain and their groups.
- Being the first collegiate choir from the South to make an Around-the-Word Tour and the first Protestant choir to sing Mass in St. Peter's Basicilica

Additionally, he sang as an undergraduate during the Choir's lengthy engagements at Radio City Music Hall and also participated in the Choir's first and second international tours—to the Far East—soloing at both. "For a little boy from El Dorado, Ark., that was quite a trip," he recalls.

Some 13 years after his 1961 Centenary graduation, Will Andress was back on campus as director of the Choir, following Voran's retirement in 1972 and a two-year director's stint by Dr. William Ballard.

Andress brought with him a desire to always give students the benefit of the doubt and to always expect their best. "I believe in providing a quality program that offers variety and where young people can look good and be the best in American youth—which they are," he said in a Choir publication honoring its first half-century. Fifteen years later, he's still able to say: "In all my years, in trips all over the world, I never had a problem."

For Choir presentations, he has been hailed as having a knack for choosing sacred choral pieces that never seemed to go out of style, mixed with secular music that changed with the times. Throughout his tenure and travels, he developed a series of local, regional, national and international contacts that informed future performances and venues. Andress provided Choir members with a variety of performance opportunities, with celebrities—like Bob Hope and Barry Manilow—and with professional symphonies, musicals, television shows and recordings in addition to the hundreds of presentations at churches throughout the world.

"His high standard of ethics imposed on the Centenary students has provided the world a taste of Louisiana hospitality and courtesy representing the best that our state has to offer," said Choir alumnus Scott Green during his Image Award presentation.

"His influence on more than 500 of these students has created generations of Shreveport-Bossier ambassadors living all over the world…I guess if I had to sum up Will Andress in a few words, these would come to mind: genuine… respectful… professional…courteous…imaginative… charming… inventive…creative."

Though there is a lengthy list of impressive people and places touched by the Centenary College Choir, Andress seems most proud of the individual students and the close relationships that have developed among Choir members. He is pleased that so many assume leadership roles on campus, that they do the right thing, maintain a spirit of gratitude and develop a great love for the college and one another. Some even some find their spouses among fellow Choir members. Many have become successful choral directors in churches and schools, and many more participate in Choir alumni activities and choirs.

"I believe that the Choir over the 65 years has really developed and enhanced its love of the College. Sixty-seven percent of Choir alumni give to the College. That

Seniors Commission Hymn in Andress's Honor

This year's Senior Class worked for two years to commission the famous hymn writer the Rev. Dr. Brian Wren to write a hymn in honor of Dr. Andress, who in October coincidentally announced his planned June retirement.

The hymn, entitled "Give Thanks to God for Every Day," was presented and performed as a surprise on Oct. 28 at Rhapsody in View in front of hundreds of Choir alumni and Dr. and Mrs. Andress.

(Above) 65th Anniversary, Rhapsody in View; TV filming. (Below) Choir poses with President and Mrs. Bill Clinton at first White House appearance.

shows how much they love this College and I think loving it and supporting it and traveling and singing for it 30, 40, 50 times a year, you really develop a love of it," Andress said. "We are here to support and be an arm of the school and to carry it into the community and to educate the students."

So, after all these years, how does he feel about the prospect of retirement? "Well," he says, "I've walked the campus for 38 years. I'm going to miss it. The students have been my vitamin pills for so many years as I've aged."

Words of wisdom for those who come behind? "On my watch I tried to do the best I could. I wasn't as gifted as some but I made up for it with passion…The Choir will continue to do the right thing. They'll know that that is. Their inner spirit will know."

—By Lynn Stewart with contributions from Peyton Dufour '07, Choir Alumnus

Above: Andress carries Chessy Voran's portrait during the "Picture Walk" move from the Choir Loft to Anderson Choral Building in 2002. (Right) Andress conducts his final Choir concert in Canterbury Cathedral, England, May 2007.

Directors of the Renowned Centenary College Choir

A.C. "Cheesy" Voran
Fall 1941-Spring 1972

Dr. Willam Ballard
Fall 1972-Spring 1974

Dr. Will K. Andress
Fall 1974-Spring 2007

David A. Hobson
July 1, 2007 -

Centenary College Choir Celebrates 65 Years

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Walk OF STARS

Choir gets star treatment as the first group ever inducted into the Walk of Stars of the Greater Shreveport-Bossier Chamber of Commerce.

“Putting it on the top shelf”—equivalent to “break a leg” in theater—is a Choir tradition before every concert.

“When Cheesy Voran formed the choir back in 1941, his goal then was not to sing all over the world, but simply to give superb training and outstanding experiences to young people, to provide entertainment and uplift to audiences, and to represent our college and community to the highest level possible, in our region of the world. And that’s how it all started.”

Those are words from Dr. Will K. Andress while accepting one of the latest honors on behalf of the Centenary College Choir, induction as the first group named to the Walk of Stars of the Greater Shreveport-Bossier Chamber of Commerce. The honor came in January 2007 as the Centenary College Choir was celebrating its 65th anniversary year and as Andress was completing his final year conducting before retiring in June.

Andress pointed out that before each concert it is the tradition of the choir to make a sign of “putting it on the top shelf,” (like “break a leg” in the theater world). “It’s our pledge to do the very best we can, to reach for the highest, believing that good fortune would follow our best efforts.”

Good fortune has indeed followed the Centenary College Choir, from singing on a flat bed truck at Bethel, Louisiana, to the great cathedrals and concert halls of the world, and The White House. “Each one, though so very different, offered the students one constant, the joy of pleasing the people in each and every place they have sung,” Andress said.

To Andress, who retires after 33 years as Choir director and as one of only three to direct the renowned group, the achievements of the Choir “are the results of creative dreaming and planning, the musicianship and hard work of outstanding young men and women, the nurture of our great educational institution, and the overwhelming support of wonderful friends, alumni, and community.”

College Selects Hobson as New Choir Director

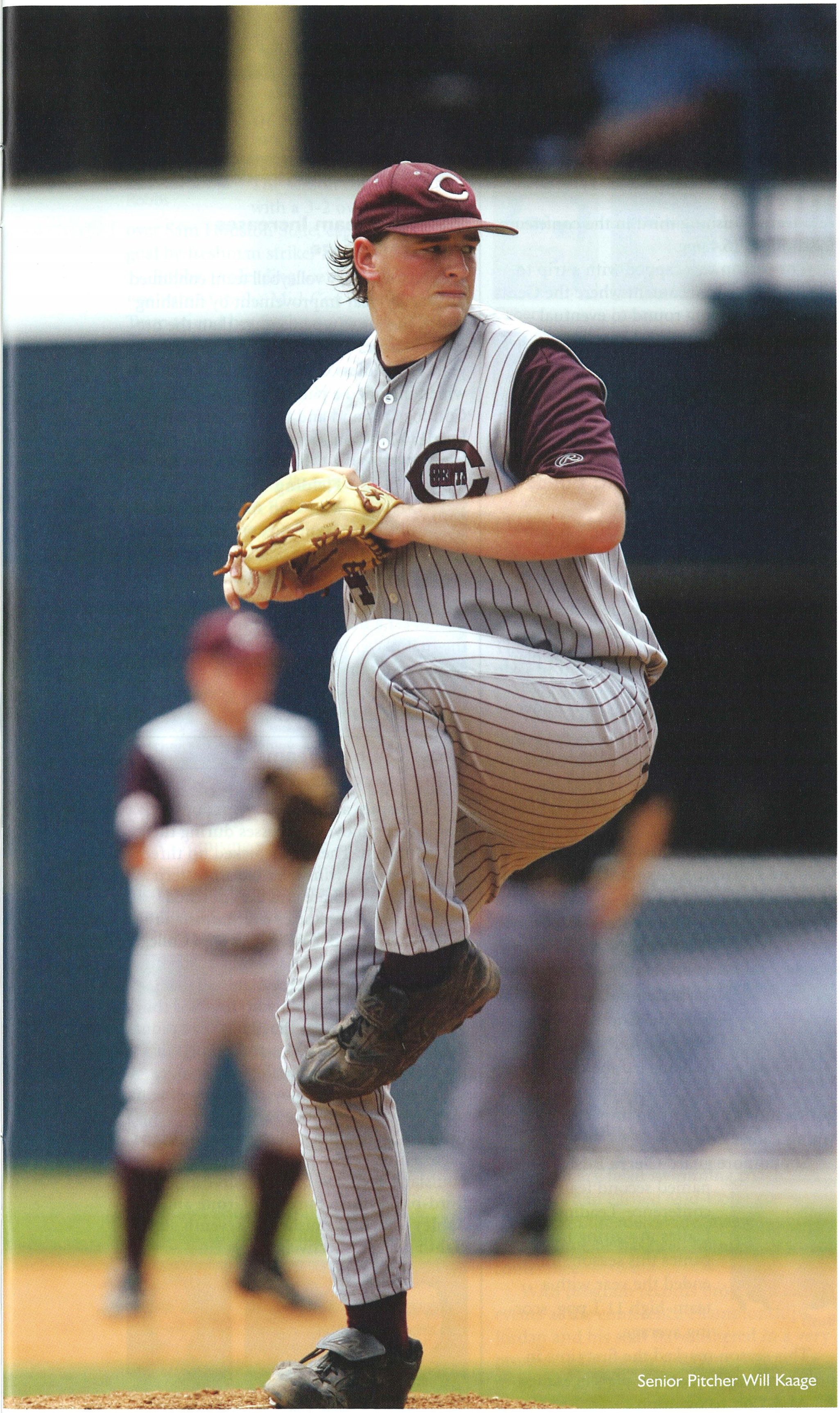
David Andrew Hobson will be the A.C. “Cheesy” Voran Choir Director of the Centenary College Choir, effective July 1, 2007. Hobson, who is an alumnus of both Centenary College and the Choir, becomes only the fourth conductor in the choir’s 65-year history.

Hobson replaces Dr. Will K. Andress, who held the position for 33 years and retires June 30. Other conductors were the late founder, Dr. A.C. “Cheesy” Voran (director from 1941-1972) and the late Dr. William J. Ballard (1972-1974).

“The Centenary College Choir is a unique organization and has had an important effect on countless alumni, including myself. Building confidence, character and musicianship are only some of the formative aspects that I took with me upon graduation,” Hobson said. “The bonds that each of us form when we are part of the Choir transcend our own time in the ensemble, so that we feel a deeper connection to other alumni from various eras and ultimately to the music that is the heart of those bonds. It is a special situation, and I am honored to become part of an exceptional lineage of directors.”

In addition to conducting the Centenary College Choir, Hobson joins the staff of the Hurley School of Music as a full-time faculty member. “The whole of my Centenary education, especially within the Hurley School of Music, proved substantial in my later educational and vocational pursuits. The opportunity to return and give back to the Choir and College is exciting,” Hobson said. “I look forward to not only continuing the rich traditions and travels of the Choir but also heading the sacred music program among other teaching responsibilities.”

Hobson is a 1998 alumnus of Centenary, earning a bachelor of music degree with honors. He later completed the master of sacred music program at Emory University, studying conducting with Eric Nelson. He is currently finishing the doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting at Louisiana State University, where he is a student of Ken Fulton.



Senior Pitcher Will Kaage

Student-Athletes Earn Honors for Athletics and Academics

Centenary's student-athletes continue to earn honors for both athletic and academic performance. Among them in recent months:

- The Women's Tennis Team was recognized by the NCAA for its exceptional Academic Progress Report, scoring between 975 and a perfect 1,000.
- The Men's Swimming Team placed second at the Mid-Con Championships
- The Lady Gymnasts finished third at the USA National Championships
- Alexander Starr, men's basketball, was named to First Team All-Conference
- The Baseball Team was runner-up at the Mid-Con Championship Tournament
- Butch Jordan, swim coach, earned Mid-Con Coach of the Year

Mid-Con Institutions Choose Centenary for Sportsmanship Award

Centenary College has been honored by its fellow institutions with the 2006-07 Mid-Continent Conference Sportsmanship Award. It is the first time the school has been given the prestigious award.

The Sportsmanship Award is given annually to the league institution that is judged by its peers to be the best in the conference in living up to the ideals of sportsmanship. Areas for evaluation include student-athlete conduct, staff/administrator conduct, coaches' conduct and event management.

Past winners of the Mid-Con Sportsmanship Award include UMKC (1998-99), Southern Utah (1999-00, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06), IUPUI (2000-01) and Valparaiso (2001-02).

The Mid-Continent Conference this spring became the Summit League. It is comprised of eight member institutions, including, in addition to Centenary, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), Oakland University, Oral Roberts University, Southern Utah University, Valparaiso University and Western Illinois University.

The conference also has two associate members in swimming and diving. The league offers championships in 19 sports.

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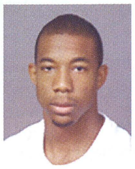
For more information about sports at Centenary and a complete schedule of athletic events, visit www.gocentenary.com.

Men's Basketball Shows Six-win Improvement From Last Season

The Centenary men's basketball team concluded coach Rob Flaska's second year with a 10-21 mark, a six-win improvement over the previous season. The rebuilding project continues to gain momentum, which is also evidenced in many close losses. Flaska's team lost 12 games by 10 points or fewer, and six of those by less than five points this season.

Senior **Alexander Starr** was named first team All-Mid-Con after finishing second in the conference in scoring during league play at 17.1 ppg. Sophomore **Tyrone Hamilton** was elected to the second team, finishing third in the conference in scoring at 16.4 ppg.

Starr


Hamilton

The season was capped with a trip to the Mid-Con Tournament where the Gents lost in the opening round to eventual champion Oral Roberts. However, just participating was a step forward for the program as it was the first appearance in the tournament for the Gents in three years.

Ladies Basketball Earns First Spot in Mid-Con Tournament; Builds Foundation for Future

Under first-year head coach Steve Curtis, the Centenary women's basketball team made strides in the 2006-07 season. Building a foundation for the future, the Ladies ended the year with a 5-25 record. With a team dominated by first-year players, Centenary struggled early in the season as it adjusted to a new system under a new head coach.

Competing under Curtis, the Ladies earned a spot in this season's Mid-Continent Conference Tournament, their first in program history. As the season ended with an 82-51 loss to No. 1-seeded Oakland University, Centenary left the court with a strong future.

Becoming the all-time steals leader in Centenary history, senior guard **Holli Wilkins** earned honorable mention All-Mid-Con this season for a second-straight year. Wilkins led the conference in multiple offensive categories and made a strong impact on the young Ladies' roster.

Wilkins

Sophomore guard **Cierra Bush** was named second team all-conference. Leading the Ladies in scoring in 10 games this season, Bush ended the year with a team-high 11.1 ppg. scoring average.

Bush

This season marked the first time in program history that two players earned All-Mid-Con recognition.

Volleyball Team Increases Win Percentage

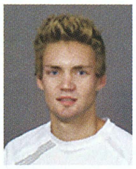
The Centenary volleyball team continued its year-by-year improvement by finishing with a higher win percentage than the previous season for the fourth consecutive year. The Ladies collected a record of 12-24, which included a pair of wins over Mid-Con foe Oakland and two victories over former Mid-Con member Chicago State.

Newcomer **Lauren Fielding** was named to the Mid-Con All-Freshman Team after turning in a sensational debut campaign. The libero (defensive specialist) tallied 627 digs to set a new school record and became the first player to surpass 600 digs in a season in program history. She also had 37 digs against Oakland to set a new single-match record for Centenary.

Fielding

Cross Country Teams Enjoy Successes

The Ladies and Gents cross country teams each enjoyed successes during their fall campaign. The Gents picked up three wins over Northwestern State and also notched victories over Louisiana College, Mississippi College, Arkansas-Monticello, and McNeese State. **Michael Haydel,** who finished third at the Pine Hills Invitational hosted by Louisiana-Monroe, turned in the Gents' best individual performance.


Haydel

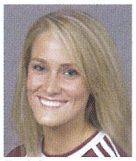
The Ladies also enjoyed dual meet wins over Arkansas-Monticello, Louisiana College, Mississippi College and Louisiana Tech. Three Ladies placed in the top 10 at Louisiana Tech, led by **Lori Von Pingel's** third-place effort. **Sunny LaGrone** and **Ashley Voorhies** finished in seventh and eighth place respectively.

Von Pingel

LaGrone

Voorhies

Women's Soccer Team has Promising Lineup for '07

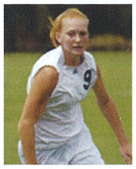

Robbs

The Centenary women's soccer team had a promising start to the 2006 season, beginning the year with two-straight wins. The season commenced with a 3-2 overtime win over Sam Houston State, capped off by a goal by freshman striker **Stefani Robbs**.

Robbs, the leading scorer for the Ladies, was named to the Mid-Con All-Newcomer Team to end her freshman season. Missing part of the season due to injury, Robbs was among the leading scorers in the conference with five goals and 11 points.

At times the Ladies struggled to put the ball in the net, not scoring in nine of the 15 games, but head coach Chase Wooten returns a promising lineup for 2007.

In addition to Robbs, midfielders **Bre Fletcher** and **Lauren Stanley** and forward **Brittany O'Neal** will come back as the Ladies look to bounce back next season.


Fletcher

Stanley

O'Neal

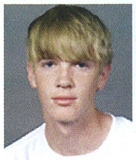
Men's Soccer Team Just Misses Mid-Con Tournament

A promising year with a roster without one senior player ended with the Centenary men's soccer team just missing the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament.

Volanski

Finishing the year with a 5-11-0 record, the Gents were led by second-team All-Mid-Con member **Aaron Volanski** in the 2006 season. Volanski led the Gents in both goals and points in his junior season. The leader on the field for Centenary, Volanski tallied a career high seven goals and added two assists for 16 points in 2006.

Joining Volanski on all-conference teams and both returning next season, freshmen **Todd Faulkinberry** and **Sam Robinson** earned All-Newcomer Team recognition in the Mid-Con.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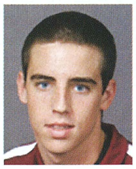
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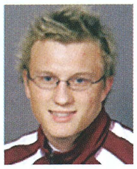
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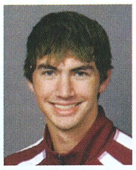
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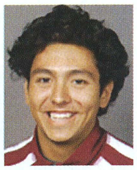
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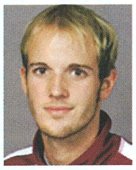
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Jordan

Men's Swimming Team Has Best Season

Getting better as a team year-after-year, the Centenary men's swimming team had arguably its best season in program history. The Gents finished the year in second place at the Mid-Continent Conference Championships, with a team score of 603.5.

Three Gent swimmers placed in the top three in their respective events at the conference championships, adding to the very successful five relay teams that earned top-three finishes.

Sophomore **Chase Lambert** took second at the Mid-Con Championships in the 200 freestyle with a program record time of 1:41.33, joined by 1,650 freestyle runner-up **Cole McGee**, who also set a program record with a time of 16:13.80. Freshman **Jamie Stults** took second in the 400 individual medley with a time of 4:05.80.

Following the season-ending meet, a program-high eight Centenary swimmers earned all-conference honors. Joining Lambert, McGee and Stults on the second team was **Ross Gilbert, Sam Hayes, Wladimir Montoya, Bryan Myers** and **Dustin Myers.**

Centenary head swimming coach **Butch Jordan** earned Mid-Con Coach of the Year on the men's side, marking the second time he has been honored by the conference.

With program records broken in all events at the conference championships, Jordan and his staff have ushered in a very promising future for the Gent swimming program, as all swimmers return for next season.

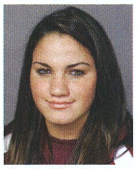
Ladies Have First Swimmer to Stand as Conference Champion in Multiple Events

Vaughan

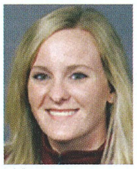
Losing just one swimmer on a very young roster, Centenary head coach Butch Jordan and assistant coach Joe Ferguson have made tremendous strides with the Ladies program in the past few years.

The hard work paid off with this season's strong group of swimmers led by freshman **Maggie Vaughan.**

Vaughan ended the year earning Mid-Con Newcomer of the Year and First Team All-Mid-Con honors. In a sterling rookie season, Vaughan took first at the Mid-Continent Conference Championships in two events, becoming the first Centenary swimmer to stand as conference champion in multiple events. In record-breaking time, the freshman from Clinton, Miss. won the 500 freestyle with a time of 4:58.75, also winning the 1,650 freestyle in 16:53.97. Both her times in the events were Centenary and Mid-Con records. On the year, the dynamic Centenary freshman earned Athlete of the Month honors in the conference on two occasions, ending the year undefeated in the 500 free.


Cantillo

With Vaughan, sophomore **Taryne Cantillo** took runners-up honors in the 100 butterfly at the conference championship with a time of 58.61.


Wyatt

In both the 200 individual medley and the 400 individual medley, freshman **Leslie Wyatt** finished in second place at the Mid-Con Championships and was named second team all-conference.

Returning a very solid nucleus, Centenary will be very competitive in the conference next season and beyond.

See next edition for baseball and softball results or visit the athletics website at www.gocentenary.com

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CAMERATA CONQUERS CARNEGIE

JULIA THORN, WHO SANG AT CARNEGIE HALL 25 YEARS AGO—FOR ROBERT SHAW—NEVER DREAMED THAT SHE WOULD ONE DAY BE STANDING WHERE HER MENTOR STOOD. BUT IF SHE HAD DREAMT IT, IT WOULD HAVE COME TRUE FEB. 18, 2007, WHEN PROFESSOR THORN CONDUCTED CENTENARY'S 53-VOICE CAMERATA ON THAT VERY STAGE. IN THAT ACOUSTICALLY WONDERFUL VENUE, WHERE EVERY GREAT ARTIST HAS SUNG, SHE REVELED IN THE FACT THAT HER STUDENTS "WERE MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY AT THE TOP OF THEIR GAME."

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The venue was one of the world's most prestigious—Carnegie Hall—and the city one of the world's most exciting—New York, when 53 Centenary singers appeared there by special invitation in February 2007. The group, Camerata, conducted by Centenary's Julia Thorn, made their solo ensemble debut and performed as part of a larger chorus alongside other choir members and professional singers comprising the Durufle Festival Chorus. Famed conductor Paul Oakley led the larger chorus.

It was the experience of a lifetime for Thorn and Camerata, whose members are almost all music majors, a fact that distinguishes them from another well-known Centenary choral organization, the Centenary College Choir (whose members encompass all majors).

"When we walked into Carnegie Hall there was just a tremendous feeling," Dr. Thorn said, "a sense of wonder or awe, of realizing the history behind that venue and all the artists who performed there."

And when Camerata members sang, there was more awe as each young singer reacted to the astounding acoustics of Carnegie. "They were thrilled to be able to share with the audience the kind of music they could do. Mentally and emotionally they were at the top of their game," she said.

Camerata was warmly received that cold Sunday evening in February at Carnegie Hall and also during another performance—an emotional tribute to the heroes of 9-11 at Ground Zero. Tears may have been flowing at both, but perhaps more were shed on that Friday at St. Paul's Cathedral, which sits next to Ground Zero and houses artifacts related to the terrorist attack there. In St. Paul's Chapel, normally disinterested visitors stopped to listen and then sat down to hear more from Camerata. A huge group formed as more and more people listened to Camerata's special tribute, "In Remembrance." Eyes glistened and tears flowed among both audience and singers. "It was very emotional. The students wanted to do that particular piece in tribute to the heroes of 9-11," Dr. Thorn said.

The road to New York had begun months earlier after a CD sampler was submitted and a selection process completed, and before the prestigious invitation arrived early last Fall. Then the hard part began. Practice, practice,

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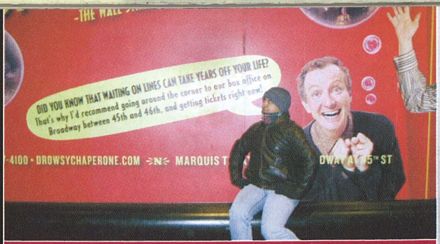
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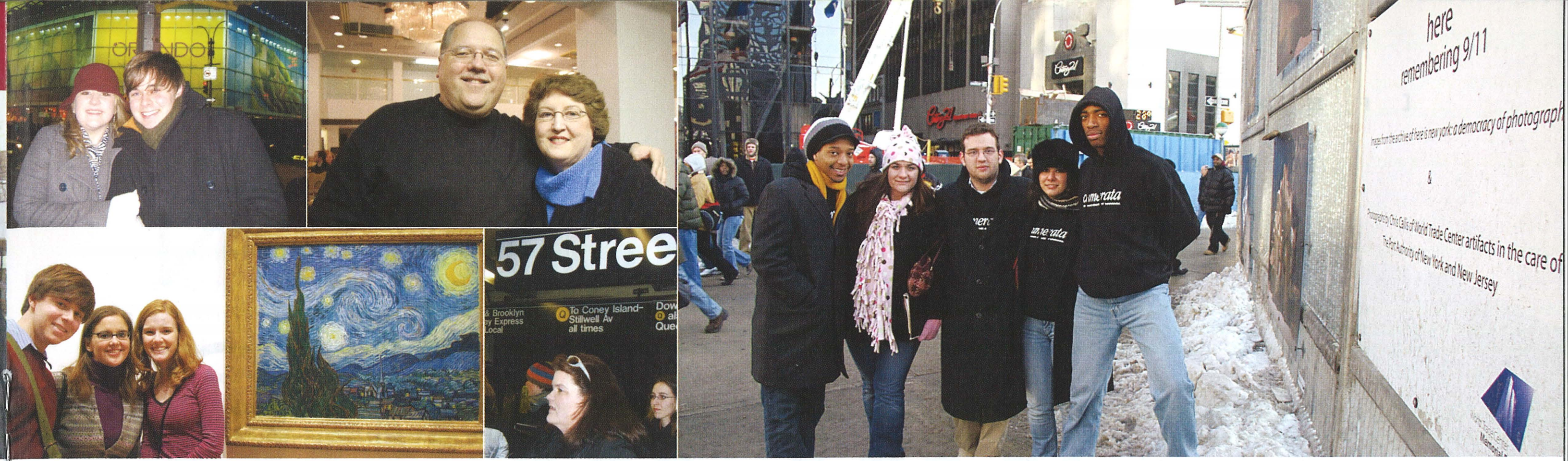
practice. And practicing some more when the major piece was changed to the Durufle Requiem. Then there were CD sales, a Messiah Sing-along and other fundraisers to help finance the trip. The students raised over $40,000 themselves, which accounted for more than half the cost required for the trip. The support from Camerata alumni, families, churches, organizations and friends of the College, Dr. Thorn said, "was a great tribute to the people who love the college, love the arts and love classical music." Several recent Camerata alumni joined family and friends and New York area alumni to swell the Centenary audience among Carnegie attendees.

Once Camerata arrived in the Big Apple, there was even more practicing—in four-hour blocks for three days, broken up by a few precious hours available for sightseeing, plays, shopping or whatever students wanted to do. Additionally there was a culminating event beyond the musical efforts. The concert sponsors, Manhattan Concert Productions, treated Camerata to "a fabulous cruise" around Manhattan Island, complete with a late-night dinner and dancing. "The kids bonded on the cruise," Dr. Thorn said. "They really enjoyed being together and being proud of their accomplishments."

Camerata and company returned to the warmth of Louisiana with a warm feeling about their distinctive experience. Throughout the trip, Centenary-sweatshirt-clad Camerata members fielded questions about the small college that was home to such wonderful singers. They returned feeling a part of a special group of performers who have graced an amazing venue. As their conductor put it: "Every great artist has performed at Carnegie Hall. Their spirits are there and now ours will be there too."

—by Lynn Stewart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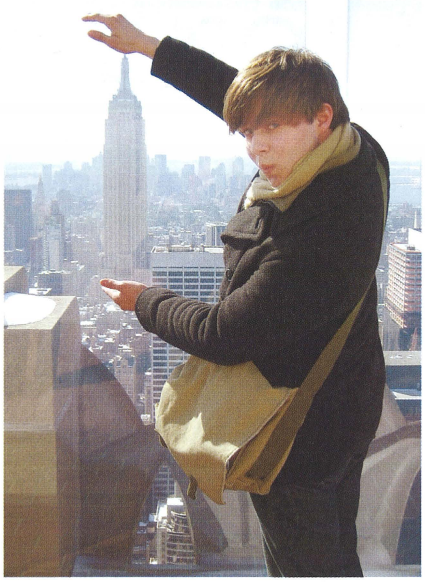

Listed by states and hometowns are the students who sang at Carnegie Hall in the winter of 2007, directed by Julia Thorn, accompanied by Gay Grosz

ARKANSAS
Little Rock: Ben Lieblong
Pine Bluff: Carrie Stephens

LOUISIANA
Alexandria: Vincent Turregano
Baton Rouge: Nolan Budgewater, Lori Lusted
Benton: Elizabeth Newtown
Bossier City: Daniel Ley
DeQuincy: Kaci Kimball
Gonzales: Amanda Bourgeois
Haynesville: Travonte Thomas
Lake Charles: Margaret Mahoney
Metairie: Watson Copeland
Minden: Corey Shadd, Melissa Wise
Monroe: Nancy Carey
Monterey: Adam Philley
Ponchatoula: Andy Osborn
Port City: Heather Nicholls
Princeton: Jessica Rautio
Ruston: Mary Greenwood
Shreveport: Laura Barrow, Emma Cook, Rebecca Hill, Allison Mills, Tim Nicholson, Thea Partington, Jennifer Perhala, Kathryn Phillips, Leah Sayad, Collis Thorn, Jennifer White, Terry Wright
Sibley: Clifton Winkle
West Monroe: Shelly Walker

NEW JERSEY
North Plainfield: Maureen DeVincenzo

TEXAS
Beaumont: Carrie Mercer
Garland: Bret Bello
Henderson: Travis Orr
Houston: Sam Houston
Irving: Marcus Jauregui, Michael Rafferty
Longview: Rebekah Metcalf
Los Fresnos: Lucy Fliegel
Missouri City: Amelia Harrell
Pittsburg: Karen Massey
Richardson: Cory Olson
Rowlett: Marissa Torez
Sachse: Virginia Applegate
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The Woodlands: Christina Venditte

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NEW DOORS OPEN IN HONG KONG FOR CENTENARY STUDENTS

BY KACIE LOPEZ '07

FOR THE FIRST TIME, A CENTENARY STUDENT HAS TRAVELED TO LINGNAN UNIVERSITY TO STUDY ABROAD IN HONG KONG. JUNIOR PHILOSOPHY MAJOR MINDY DIEZ SPENT HER SPRING 2007 SEMESTER OVERSEAS AS PART OF CENTENARY'S FIRST EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

Exchange students pose for a group photo after arriving in Hong Kong.

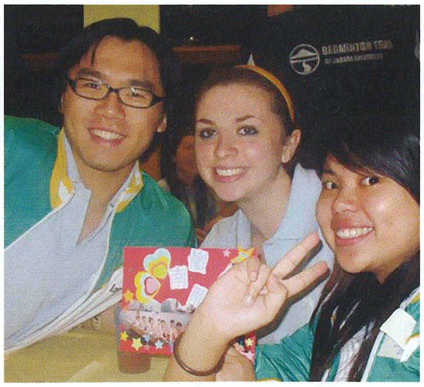
Of the exchange program participants, many students opt to spend time in Western European countries. Visits to far to Eastern European or Asian programs are less common. When she was considering the road less traveled, Diez said, conversations with with Sue Callaway, director of intercultural affairs, influenced her choice. After considering Hong Kong, Diez said, "I realized that virtually no American students study in Asia and that just fueled my passion to get the word out there. It also helped with funding, as the government is offering lots of financial incentives for students to go to non-traditional study abroad destinations."

Diez is referring to the fact that many federal and private scholarships show preference to students who travel to non-traditional destinations—such as in Asia, the Middle East, or Africa—or who study less common languages. "The government is offering lots of financial incentives for students to go to non-traditional study abroad destinations outside of Western Europe and Australia. I was able to apply for the Gilman and Freeman-Asia Scholarships, which have been incredible in helping me get the most out of this experience."

> “Studying abroad is teaching me that wherever I am, whoever I am with, I still go to bed and wake up with myself. True living has to come from within.”
>
> —MINDY DIEZ

One of the most challenging and rewarding parts of any program exchange can be the sense of being totally taken out of one’s element. When asked about any major challenges she has faced so far, Diez replied, “I guess the biggest thing is the language barrier, mainly though in the fact that I only speak one! I have been to five or six countries here in Asia and have never been at a loss to find someone who speaks English.”

Besides overcoming a difficult language barrier, there are cultural differences to learn from as well. “Hong Kong is just an all-around interesting place. I had no idea a place could simultaneously be so modern and so traditional. For instance, a lot of my local (Hong Kong) friends still live with their parents, and although they’re in their 20s they have to live by the kinds of rules I haven’t had since grade school. Also, only a handful has had the opportunity to travel outside of Hong Kong, because staying home and taking care of your family is a huge part of the culture,” she said. Studying abroad can be a disorienting experience in any country, but Diez appears to be taking any confusion or frustrations in stride. “I’m forced to see things from a new point of view here, as I am truly a minority (I get stares most places I go.) It is crazy to be in that position. It’s a whole new way of looking at life. ....(My time here so far) has made me feel that for 20 years of my life I was still wearing training wheels. I have a new-found respect for these people, their language, customs and struggles because I am surrounded and integrated into it constantly.”



This immersion in Chinese culture has proved rewarding for Diez. “I’m trying to learn as much as I can about the religion while I’m here. Lingnan does not have a religion department and the Chinese philosophy classes are taught in Mandarin, so I’m doing the exploring on my own. I was able to visit a temple with some exchange students.”

Not only is she overcoming challenges, but she is using her experiences to learn more about herself as well. “Studying abroad is teaching me that wherever I am, whoever I am with, I still go to bed and wake up with myself. True living has to come from within. I think I’m the kind of person who tends to step back in crowds. I never realized until now how much I look to other people instead of looking to myself. Now here I am, literally as far away as possible from the one place I have spent 20 years of my life, and I feel like this is just the beginning of the me I always knew I was inside.”

Diez cites Centenary’s Office of Intercultural Affairs as the most important factor is making the journey to Hong Kong. “With Sue Callaway’s help I was able to receive scholarship funds from the Freeman Asia and Gilman funds. She also offered me a job as a Peer Study Abroad Advisor where I learned countless things about intercultural education. Honestly without her help I wouldn’t be in Hong Kong, or so close to realizing what I want to do with my future.”

(This page, left) Centenary junior Mindy Diez (center) poses with new friends made during her semester-long exchange experience in Hong Kong.

(Above) She also works to decipher directions, goes on an adventure hike with monkeys in Sha Tin and discovers a love for mountains.

Diez encourages other students to travel abroad, and to explore their options for earning intercultural credit. "I come from a background of no money, I'm not surrounded by world travelers, and I don't have any super rich uncles or anything. Yet here I am living in one of the top cities in the world and spending my breaks hopping all around Southeast Asia! I feel that especially for American students, not enough is known about the opportunities available to them as far as studying abroad."

"Through these scholarships," she said, "I'm getting to start my lifelong dreams. I encourage anyone and everyone to apply to study abroad and for these and other scholarships. There is so much money available for students committed and open to study abroad, seriously all it takes is a gung ho attitude and good essay writing skills. Lack of money should NEVER be an excuse for not getting out there."

And speaking of future plans, Hong Kong has inspired Diez to create quite a few. "As you can see in my problems with the language barrier, I have experienced first hand why it is so important for me to continue to follow my interests in multi-lingual education. Also, the philosophy department here is great and I have a renewed passion for my first major. My immediate goals start with picking up a second language and applying for an intercultural philosophy program in Denmark. Down the road I see myself living abroad indefinitely and hopefully starting my own school."

Editor's note: *Mindy Diez contributes to a student blog on the Centenary College website. It can be found at www.centenary.edu/blogs. Centenary's Office of Intercultural Affairs oversees all study abroad programs and strives to help students feel prepared to travel, live and study in foreign cultures. For students seeking a shorter-term intercultural experience, May Modules offer the opportunity to travel overseas.*

TOP 20 Things I've Learned in Hong Kong

by Mindy Diez

20 That Chinese characters are ridiculously complicated. (It took me two months to learn the one for "female" in order to use the washroom.)

19 That you can function if you drive on the left hand side of the road, walk to the left of the street, write your dates as 31/12/07 instead of 12/31/07 and have eight digits in your phone number.

18 My Chinese name (Dai Ming)

17 How to climb seven flights of stairs six times a day, and how to walk two miles for groceries.

16 That public transportation can be incredibly efficient (I managed to learn #17 just for fun.)

15 That the world can be your playground.

14 That soy milk is good, REALLY good.

13 That chopsticks are just Oh, SO much cooler than a fork and knife.

12 That I really, really like mountains.

11 That everyone has something to teach me.

10 How to act when you have no idea what's going on, or what anyone is saying.

9 What it is like to have a whole row of people stare at you.

8 How to tell the difference between spoken Mandarin and spoken Cantonese.

7 How to paddle a Dragon Boat.

6 That people here really, really like their cell phones.

5 That paying more than four U.S. dollars for a full course meal is simply ridiculous.

4 That my classmates/teachers are amazing because they can hold conversations in three languages simultaneously.

3 That family is important.

2 That nothing compares to learning Chinese history from a Chinese point of view.

1 That I have seen a VERY one-sided view of the world until now.

Diez (center) and friends participant in a popular pasttime in Hong Kong, football (or soccer as Westerners know it). At the Lunar New Year Cup they watched the Australian, Jamaican, Chinese and Hong Kong Olympic teams play.

KOLLEGE KAPERS

THEY SAY THAT EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN. SUCH IS THE CASE WITH KOLLEGE KAPERS AT CENTENARY.

Even as the College emphasized music as an academic discipline and awarded its first music degrees in 1931, music ensembles like Kollege Kapers were widely popular. A variety show, Kapers began in 1933 and featured comedians, dancers, vocalists, instrumentalists, comedy skits, magicians and ensembles. When the show's star faded in the late 1940s, it was gone but not forgotten for almost 60 years.

Kollege Kapers was reprised in 2004 and has been an annual feature on campus ever since, under the direction of Dr. Doug Rust. The annual two-day event has garnered quite the following.

Forward... Forward... Centenary
HOMECOMING HONOREES '07

Alumni's Highest Honor: Hall of Fame
In a year filled with honors, Dr. Will K. Andress (center) celebrates his selection for the Centenary Alumni Hall of Fame with Centenary President Ken Schwab (left) and Alumni President Charles Grubb '69. See the feature about Dr. Andress's retirement on page 12.

Sharing in the festivities at the Alumni Awards dinner: Libby Andress Engman and daughter Lucy.

Choir supporter extraordinaire Doris Sims gets a hug from Dr. Andress.

Hall of Fame: Dr. Will K. Andress '61
Centenary College A.C. "Cheesy" Voran Director of the Centenary College Choir, Director Emeritus as of May 5, 2007

Alumni Loyalty Award: Dr. Wayne Hanson '51
Bayou State Oil, former president of the Centenary Alumni Board and former chairman of the Centenary Chemistry Department

Honorary Alumna: Ms. Peggy Burkenroad Selber
Philanthropist, community volunteer and supporter of the arts

Young Alumni Leadership Award: Ms. Angie White '93
Vice president, president-elect of Shreveport-Bossier Alumni Chapter

Outstanding Teacher Award: Dr. Tom Ticich
Professor of chemistry

President's Excellence Award: Ms. Francine Campbell
Coordinator of conferences and facilities

Lyons Research Grant: Dr. Michelle Glaros
Assistant professor of art

Founders' Day Speakers:

Dr. Virginia Kilpatrick Shehee '43, *Centenary trustee*

Rev. Dr. Carole Cotton Winn '65, *Academy for Spiritual Leadership for the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church*

Ms. Nancy Boone Word '70, *former vice president of Computer Sciences Corp.*

Honorary Alumna: Peggy B. Selber

Peggy Burkenroad Selber, whose volunteer work is legendary, is the newest Honorary Alumna of the college.

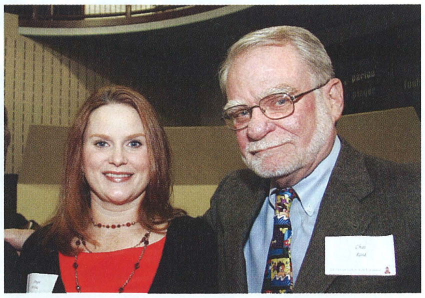
Her activities include serving on the oversight committee for the Meadows Museum of Art and on the board of Sci-Port Discovery Center, where she established the Aaron and Peggy Selber Red River Research Writing Competition.

Her philanthropy has included Centenary and the Meadows Museum through the Aaron and Peggy Selber Foundation and the Burkenroad Selber Foundation.

Alumni Loyalty Award: Dr. Wayne Hanson '51

For his long and abiding service to Centenary and its alumni organizations, Wayne Hanson, Ph.D., of Bayou State Oil, was honored with the annual Alumni Loyalty Award. He is a former president of the Centenary Alumni Board and a former professor and chairman of the Chemistry Department.

While teaching at Centenary, he started and coached the first cross-country team and he is still a runner himself, participating in local road races and statewide senior meets. He currently serves on the National Alumni Board and the Alumni Connections Committee.



Young Alumni Leadership Award Angie White '93

Angie White '93 recently returned to Shreveport from Washington, D.C., where she was active with the D.C. alumni chapter. Since her return she has set the pace for other alumni volunteers, participating in alumni focus groups, volunteering to help with alumni events, and starting her own alumni blog to share her thoughts and experiences related to Centenary. She is vice president and president-elect of the Shreveport-Bossier Alumni Chapter. She works in international finance and is passionate about food and cooking.

Dr. Tom Ticich, professor of chemistry, receives the Outstanding Teacher Award from President Ken Schwab during Morning Call festivities in the Moore Student Union Building.

Outstanding Teacher 2007: Dr. Tom Ticich

Each year, students, faculty and staff vote upon an honor that's considered among the highest for Centenary faculty, the Outstanding Teacher Award. Here's a bit about this year's recipient, Dr. Tom Ticich, who was promoted to full professor of chemistry this spring:

Degrees: B. S., Cook College, Rutgers University, 1982; Ph. D., University of Wisconsin, 1988.

Research interests: span several areas in laser spectroscopy and materials science. He has used lasers to study high energy vibrational states of dioxetanes and to monitor the presence of the nanoparticles that comprise soot by heating them with a laser to incandescence. He has also explored the techniques of cavity ring-down spectroscopy and laser-induced breakdown spectroscopy to monitor various species in trace amounts. Another interest is synthesizing carbon nanotubes in flames and other environments.

Currently working on: a major revision of the general chemistry curriculum supported by a grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents.

Advisor to: What else but the Chemistry Club?

Passion outside of science: Music. He is a classical accordionist and he sings at his church.

Shehee

Word

Winn

Founders' Day Celebrates Women's Role in Centenary's History

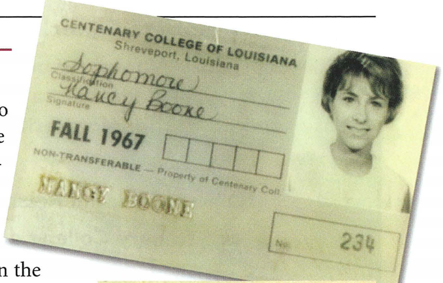
Virginia Kilpatrick Shehee '43, the only woman ever named "Mr. Shreveport" (in 1998), kicked off this year's Founders' Day convocation with a note about the first women who completed degrees at Centenary in 1899. Though they completed all the work, they were awarded certificates while the males received diplomas at graduation. It wasn't until the 1940s that that omission was corrected by Dr. Joe Mickle, she said, and the Schwing sisters received their diplomas.

Dr. Shehee introduced the day's speakers: Nancy Boone Word '70 and Carole Cotton Winn '65, who each reminisced about Centenary people, places and events and the skills they took with them when they left Centenary. From Centenary, Word took "an ability to communicate, a whole lot of confidence and the ability to collaborate." The Rev. Dr. Winn noted that "people encouraged me at every turn."

To view their entire speeches, see www.centenary.edu/news/FD2007-2.

Speaker Follows the Rules—37 Years Later

Nancy Boone, then about to be a graduating senior, read the May 1, 1970 *Conglomerate* article that reminded all graduating students and those withdrawing to return their ID cards to the cashier's window in the Administration Building. But somehow that article—and the aforementioned ID card—got stashed away amidst other Centenary memorabilia and remained there for almost 37 years. When Nancy Boone Word got the invitation to speak at Founder's Day 2007, she returned to memorabilia to prepare for the visit and found the reminder and the card. She decided to do as instructed. She returned the card to President Ken Schwab, proving once again that it's never too late to follow the rules.



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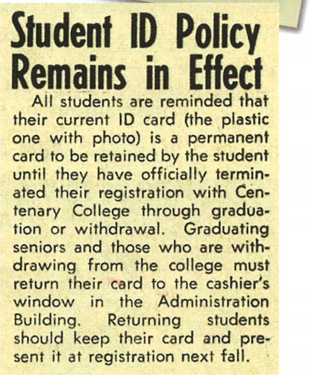

Student ID Policy Remains in Effect

All students are reminded that their current ID card (the plastic one with photo) is a permanent card to be retained by the student until they have officially terminated their registration with Centenary College through graduation or withdrawal. Graduating seniors and those who are withdrawing from the college must return their card to the cashier's window in the Administration Building. Returning students should keep their card and present it at registration next fall.

Francine Campbell, coordinator of conferences and facilities, responds to the surprise announcement of the President's Excellence Award.

Dr. Michelle Glaros, assistant professor of art, receives congratulations from Charlton Lyons upon receiving the annual Lyons Research Grant.

Where are they now and what are they up to?

Class Notes

Alumni notes from Sept. 1, 2006
through March 31, 2007

Editor's Note:
The Centenary Alumni Association seeks news of Centenary alumni. Please send news and information to:

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Instead of a gift to each other for their 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobie '54 gifted the Meadows Museum of Art with four silver gelatin photographic prints by Debbie Fleming Caffery, the renowned South Louisiana photographer. The Dobies (right) are pictured with the "Papa" print and President Kenneth L. Schwab and Meadows Director Diane Dufilho.

1933

Dorothy Moss Hanks, Shreveport, La., is 93 and still active and independent. Dorothy was the second professional librarian Centenary ever had and the first for Shreve Memorial Library downtown from 1936 until 1938. She then married and moved to Iowa for 10 years. She was inducted into the C.E. Byrd Hall of Fame at a luncheon at East Ridge Country Club on Oct. 20, 2006.

1941

Cotton Barnes, Shreveport, La., was recently featured as Resident of the Month in the Azalea Estates Assisted Living and Retirement Community's Azalea Spirit newsletter and on Rick Rowe's Notebook feature on KTBS-TV. Cotton attended Centenary on an athletic scholarship and played both running back and quarterback for the Gents. He was part of a stellar backfield that included Hall of Famer Weenie Bynum. He was also an outstanding pitcher for the baseball team. In March 1997, Cotton was inducted into the Centenary Athletic Hall of Fame.

1947

Willard Cooper, Costa Rica, and his wife, Phyllis, moved to the mountains of Costa Rica and are living with their daughter and son-in-law, Arden and David. Prior to that, they lived in Maine. They would love to hear from friends and former students! E-mail wuwuandphyl@willardandphyllis.com.

1954

Noel Tipton, Eastham, Mass., has been nominated for inclusion in the original Marquis *Who's Who in America 2008.* He was selected on the basis of his contributions to civic and community life in America, and his ability to motivate large numbers of people to address important social and political issues through his creative works.

1956

Jack Brook, Baton Rouge, La., is a retired attorney.

1957

Bonnie Harrel Watkins, Shreveport, La., was named the 2006 Samaritan of the Year. This award, given by the Samaritan Counseling Center, a faith-based counseling center, is presented each year "to someone who exemplifies the ideals of Samaritan Ministry by making significant contributions of time, energy, resources and leadership to improve the quality of life in the community."

Juan Watkins, Shreveport, La., was installed as the 127th president of the Louisiana State Medical Society on Oct. 27, 2006.

1960

John Stovall, Crockett, Texas, was named Dentist of the Year by the Texas Academy of General Dentistry. The award, presented annually since 1965, is considered the most prestigious honor a Texas dentist can earn.

1961

Danny Caudle, Katy, Texas, is retired from Conoco and living in the Houston area.

1963

John Swor, Bossier City, La., is a retired CPA.

1965

Ralph Howard, Wamego, Kansas, retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-ARS lab in Manhattan, Kansas after a successful career in chemical ecology.

1966

Bonita Carter Davis, Vivian, La., is working for Shreve Memorial Library, primarily at the North Caddo Branch, as the evening and weekend supervisor.

Judy Rasmussen Godfrey, Abilene, Texas, retired from the museum field after 27 years. Judy is a fine art appraiser. She has founded Judith Godfrey Associates, LLC. Visit www.judithgodfreyassociates.com.

Don Scroggin, Washington, D.C., was a member of the Tobacco Litigation Team at the U.S. Department of Justice, which on Aug. 17, 2006 won the large federal tobacco case, in which the D.C. U.S. District Court found the tobacco companies guilty of numerous offenses. Don now works in immigration law and greatly enjoys his challenging and timely work. Don and his son, Patrick, recently conducted the graveside services for Don's mother in Shreveport, with the participation of **Dr. Lee Morgan H'96** and **David Henington '82**.

1967

Kay Bucy Benson, Round Rock, Texas, has retired and relocated back to Texas after being in the Virginia/Washington, D.C. area for 15 years. She and her husband moved to Round Rock, TX north of Austin to be closer to most of their family. She joined the Williamson County Chorus located in Georgetown, Texas, and has one concert season under her belt. She had the opportunity to sing at Fort Hood for the troops and their families on March 24, 2007.

Matt Lowe, Nacogdoches, Texas, is an associate professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

1968

James Moore, Lacey, Wash., is currently pursuing his art interests.

1969

George Clark, Randolph, N.J., is the president of G.A.R.D. Management.

Scott Crook, Fayetteville, Ark., owns and operates Pack Rat Outdoor Center and at age 60 has decided to turn over the day-to-day operations to his staff so that he and Carolyn can start taking more time off.

Katherine Lee, Denham Springs, La., taught school for 11 years and is now retired. She has two children and one grandchild.

1971

Bill Bearden, Peabody, Mass., works for a small NMR manufacturing company doing business with mostly undergraduate institutions.

James Casey, Chang Rai, Thailand, graduated from Baylor University College of Dentistry in 1974. He practiced dentistry in Georgetown, Texas for 33 years. He is now retired and lives with his wife, Ladda, at their home in the mountains of Northern Thailand.

Rex Engle, Jackson, Mich., is the owner of RC's Sparkle Detailing and Engle Piano Tuning and Repairs. He is also the music coordinator of a Lutheran Church in Addison, Mich.

Peter Kastl, Tioga, La., is a professor of opthalmology and biochemistry at Tulane University. He is also the chief of specialty care at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Alexandria, La.

John Meston, Mission Viejo, Calif., is group vice president for the Fluid Management and Control Systems Branch of Parker Aerospace. He is responsible for the entire operational and financial scope of the branch, which includes five divisions with sites located throughout the U.S., Mexico and Malaysia.

1972

John Marcus, Metairie, La., is a founding partner of Marcus, Hastings & Associates, where he is a business valuation and litigation consultant.

Jane Craig Shaw, McKinney, Texas, and her husband, **Nolan**, moved to the Dallas area to be near their five children, their spouses and their grandchildren.

1973

Jeffrey Daiell, Houston, Texas, has worked for over 13 years at Barnes & Noble. He was recently named a cash supervisor, having previously been a section supervisor.

1974

John Wilson, Norfolk, Va., is senior vice president at Beaufort Advisors LLC.

1975

Mark Chrisman, Shreveport, La., is an environmental scientist for the State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

David Olson, Wheaton, Ill., is president of Power Equipment Co. He and wife Kathy have three daughters: Lauren, a second-year law student at John Marshall Law School in Chicago; Noel, a senior at the University of Cincinnati; and Danielle, a sophomore at Michigan State University.

James Poole, Shreveport, La., is a pharmacist at Louisiana State University Health Science Center in Shreveport.

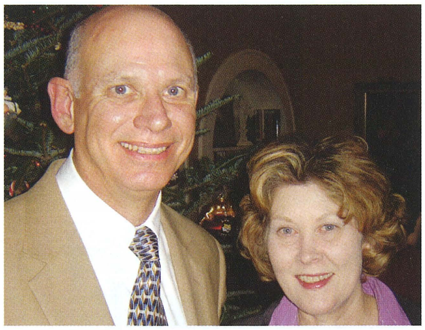
1976

Susan Regenstein McMillin, Marietta, Ga., is a homemaker. She and her husband, Mike, have two sons. One is a senior at the University of Georgia and the other is a sophomore at Sprayberry High School.

Alumni at the Shreveport-Bossier Holiday Reception

Hosted by Manash and Amy Sarcar

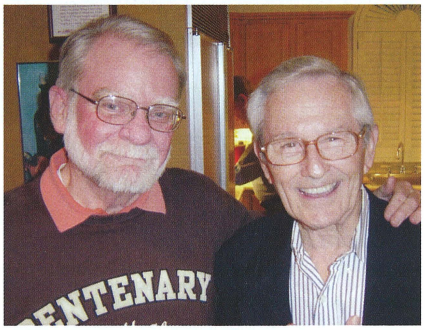
Host and hostess Manash '77 and Amy Sarcar



Joe '69 and Stella Rice

Alumni at the Shreveport-Bossier Gumbo Party

Hosted by Chat and Wendy Reed



Host Chat Reed '64 and Dr. Lee Morgan H'96

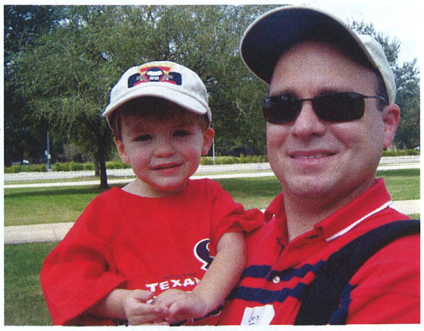
Vickie '75 and Paul Young '76 with Charlotte '63 and Gene Bryson '63

Alumni at the Houston Fall Fest Picnic

Houston alumni have fun at Hermann Park

Lee '85 and Andy Brady '91 with Ed Hand '85 (center)

Ellie Wallace '01, Sarah Susilovich '05 and Max Martin '97


Chris Jones '92 and son, Dylan

1977

Terry Swan, Campbellsville, Ky., a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, went on active duty in early December. When not actively in the service, he serves as professor of psychology and religion and dean of the chapel at Lindsey Wilson College.

1978

Cheryl Courtney, Loveland, Colo., works in environmental science consulting, remediation and threatened and endangered species studies. She is also a horse trainer and amateur competitive trail rider and show rider, a freelance writer and a mental health professional. She is married to Russ Pickering, an environmental scientist and fellow outdoors enthusiast. She has a daughter, Laurel, 12, and a son, Logan, 9, as well as five horses, two dogs, one cat and one Beta fish.

Dana McDaniel Fossett, San Antonio, Texas, works for an advertising agency and does freelance photography.

Michael McMillin, Marietta, Ga., works with Herlis Realty Co. as the maintenance superintendent.

1979

Paul Ellis, Bowling Green, Ky., is associate pastor of music and worship at Eastwood Baptist Church.

Chip Kruse, Dawsonville, Ga., is a dentist in Dawsonville.

Henry Mata, Houston, Texas, works for Baker Hughes Inc., headquartered in Houston. His current position is senior application engineer for Hughes Christensen, the drill bit division of Baker Hughes. In his current position, he provides technical support and assistance to the North America Region Drilling group, mentors/trains new engineers and gets directly involved in high-profile projects. Henry is married and has three children.

Elaine McArdle, Cambridge, Mass., is a freelance writer.

Danny Myers, Colleyville, Texas, is the president of Myers Services, Inc.

Paula Glanville Weber, Brookshire, Texas, works at 24 Hour Fitness as a group cycle trainer and personal trainer. She is a cyclist and runner.

1980

Pete DeBuys, Smyrna, Ga., works in commercial real estate with Madison Retail.

Sue Brown Marshall, Burleson, Texas, is a third-grade teacher for Dallas Park Elementary.

1981

Debbie Carter Mulvenna, Dallas, Texas, is the executive director of The Classics in Plano, Texas. The Classics is a nonprofit organization that provides children with opportunities in visual and performing arts. There are classes in art and theatre, an arts-in-education program and a family theatre series.

Bob Taylor, Carlinville, Ill., is a minister at Carlinville United Methodist Church.

1982

Kirk Labor, Southlake, Texas, is the physician/owner of Eye Consultants of Texas, the president and owner of VisionOne, LLC, Ophthalmic Surgical Supply Co. and partner of Juxhead, LLC, an online entertainment auction website.

Sharon McNulty, Fort Mitchell, Ky., adopted a now 2-year-old girl from Hunan Province in the People's Republic of China on Aug. 15, 2005. Her name is Madeline and her nickname is Maddie.

Rebecca White, Little Rock, Ark., will continue to lead the Arkansas Geological Commission under Gov. Mike Beebe.

1983

Joe Jewell, Ocean Springs, Miss., works for the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

Tim Marshall, Shreveport, La., has finished his latest CD project, entitled "The 29th Dream." It also has a 28-page full-color booklet of art that was created by Scott Griffin. Check out www.timmarshall.com for a preview. If you have any comments or questions, email him at timgeo@shreve.net. When not making music, Tim is a geologist.

Susan Clements Orloff, Aurora, Ill., has been married to John for 16 years. They have three children: 9-year-old Alexander and 4-year-old twins Michael and Nicole. Susan works for P&G.

1984

Debra Bourn Norris, Houston, Texas, is the director of her own law firm, Debra B. Norris, P.C. After 10 years working as an electrical engineer, she graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1998.

Don O'Byrne, Haughton, La., has opened Don Juanz Baja Beach Tacos in Bossier City. It is a full-service restaurant located on Airline Drive south of Airline High School. Check it out at www.donjuanz.com.

Melanie West, Chicago, Ill, is a system administrator in the Information Technology Department of a private trading firm.

Thomas Wuenschel, Alvin, Texas, works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as a customs and border protection officer. He is stationed at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston.

1985

Priscilla Scales St. Romain, Universal City, Texas, is a fourth-grade teacher for Judson Independent School District. She is married to Dan and has four boys, Matthieu, Micah, Marc and Max.

1986

Tina Binion Arns, Anniston, Ala., is a quality assurance specialist for military ammunition and explosives. She recently returned from a 3-year assignment to Germany that included a deployment to Afghanistan. She is now stationed at Anniston Defense Munitions Center.

Renee Bergeron, Randolph, N.J., and her husband, Larry, adopted a baby girl, Elizabeth. She has worked for Novartis as a toxicologist for three years.

Chris Morgan Grow, Houston, Texas, works for Pfizer, Inc. as a pharmaceutical representative.

Theresa Meehan, Westlake Village, Calif., is a full-time mom to her two young sons, Jackson and Cody.

Dee Love Milam, Minden, La., is a senior information developer for Sterling Commerce, Inc.

Gina Pierce, Ellington, Conn., is a customer service manager at Aetna.

Gary Russell, Keller, Texas, is co-owner of National Collision Repair Center.

1987

Chris Blount, Madison, Miss., was recently featured in the *Mississippi Business Journal* as one of the "Top 40 Under 40." He is the director of corporate communications for Raytheon Aerospace, LLC. He is involved as a volunteer with the MetroJackson Chamber and Madison "The City" Chamber. He and his wife, Lori, live with their son, Wesley, and their daughter, Carrie, in Ridgeland. For therapy, Blount unwinds by "still trying to wear out" an old Wurlitzer spinet piano.

1988

Robert Besser, Beaumont, Texas, is the senior pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church in Beaumont.

Lori Cunningham, Gretna, La., is a physical therapist in New Orleans.

Lloyd Godfrey, Burlingame, Calif., is the vice president for Old Navy-Canada.

Kathryn Godfrey Lalime, Hopatcong, N.J., is the director of space planning for Linens 'N Things.

Adam Myers, Tulsa, Okla., is the medical director for Southcrest Hospital, an associate professor in the University of Oklahoma OB/Gyn Department, and a physician advisor for the Discovery Health Network. He and his wife, Kayla '89, have been married since 1988 and have five children.

Karen Corn Solomon, San Antonio, Texas, is the Vice President of Dental Centers of America.

1989

Nancy Berger-Schneider, Moscow, Idaho, works with the Nez Perce County Prosecutor's Office as a deputy prosecuting attorney. She prosecutes adult criminal felony cases. She is married and has three sons.

Jill Butler, Shreveport, La., is facility manager at Christus Schumpert Wellness South.

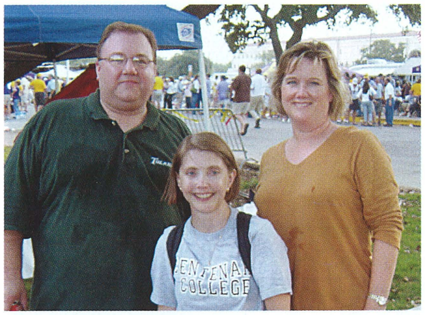
Christy McDonald Hart, Plano, Texas, is the director of computer resources at Custer Road United Methodist Church. She and Geoff '89 have one child, Rebekah, who is 11. They are also fostering children through Lutheran Social Services.

Kathy Aycock Loper, Bethesda, Md., is the manager of the bone marrow transplant, cell processing and gene therapy facilities at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Bobby McKee, Dallas, Texas, has joined Smith Barney as a financial advisor.

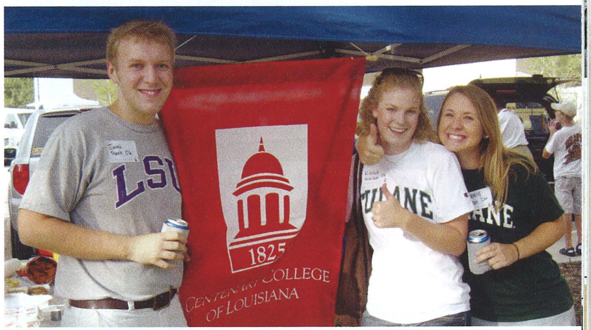
Rick Seaton, Shreveport, La., was named one of two executive assistants to newly elected Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover. He has served on the Metropolitan Planning Commission and in recent years

Alumni at the 2nd Annual Centenary Tailgate Party at LSU vs. Tulane

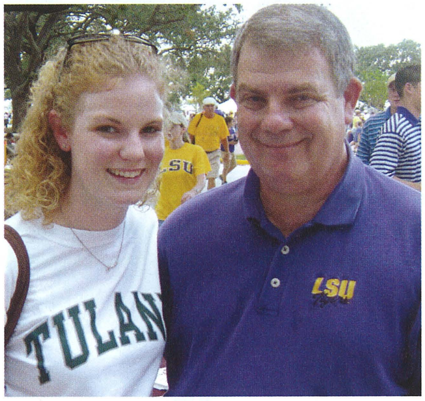


Todd Hebert '89, Martha Stuckey '91 and Suzanne Harris '85

Patrick McCuller'04, Andrew Barkley '05, Beth Bonner DeVille '99 and Julie Baldwin '98

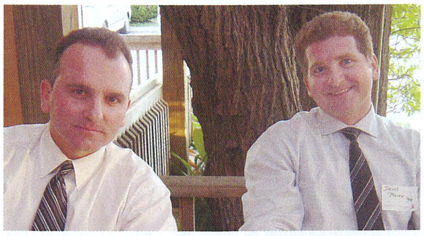


2006 grads Jared Frank, Kakie Walker and Debbie Elsen



Two generations of Centenary alums, Kakie Walker '06 and dad, Joe Walker '75, pull for rival teams.

Alumni at Shreveport-Bossier Networking Mixer at Olive Street Bistro

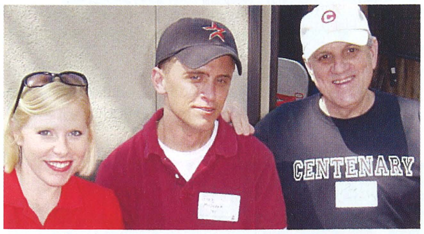


Davor Poljak '96 and Dennis Poljak '94

John Harper '02 and Krystal Garrett '03

Houston Crawfish Boil

Ami '95 and Keith Considine '96 with Sam DeFatta '55 (center)



Jennifer Hill '96, Greg McGehee '01 and Rick Hebert '69

Suzee Robison '72 and Martha Goza '66 at Homecoming focus group

filled an unexpired term on the Caddo Parish School Board.

Randall Sexton, Ithaca, N.Y., is school nurse at American International School, a Zen Shiatsu therapist and a travel writer.

1990

Pamela Bowen, Binghamton, N.Y., appeared as Mimi in three performances with the Piedmont Opera production of Puccini's *La Boheme.* In December, she was a soloist in the Mozart Club's annual *Messiah* performance.

J. R. Fry, Miami, Fla., is vice president, marketing and special events for Best Buddies International. In late summer, he vacationed in England and biked from London to Chatsworth. He has a great dog, a black lab named Fallon.

Michaelyn Craig Lombard, Covington, La., is a biology instructor at Southeastern Louisiana University, the Region 8 Science Fair director and the Freshman Lab coordinator at the St. Tammany Center location.

1991

Mary Armstrong, New Orleans, La., is director of managed care for Ochsner Health System.

Renee Smith Cheveallier, Shreveport, La., received the Shreveport Regional Arts Council Artist Fellowship Award in Dance. Renee teaches the modern dance classes and the dance ensemble at Centenary. She also serves as the co-artistic director of the dance company, Escaped Images.

David Hesser, Alexandria, La., is an attorney with his own firm specializing in family law, offshore accidents and personal injury. His article, "Team Mediation: An Interdisciplinary Model Balancing Mediation in the 'Matrix,'" was selected for publication in the *Pepperdine Law School Dispute Resolution Law Journal.*

1991

Stacey Pylkas, Atlanta, Ga., is a physician's assistant for a pediatric neurosurgeon at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

Tracey Cobb Rambin, Keithville, La., was named Outstanding Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

1992

Sharron Davis, MBA, North Richland Hills, Texas, is the director of material services at Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

Michael Fuller, Orlando, Fla., has his own private practice counseling children, adolescents and adults.

Mark Gragg, Fort Worth, Texas, has left a long career at Q Investments, a large private equity firm, and created Blue Line Search LLC, doing business as Southern Manufacturing Search. The company focuses on executive search and consulting services for manufacturing companies in the South, specifically in the auto, marine and heavy industrial equipment industries. Mark, his wife Erika and four children live in Fort Worth and hope to relocate the business to the Baton Rouge area in the near future. Visit www.southernmfgsearch.com for more information.

Heidi McAllister, Wichita, Kansas, works at Exploration Place, a hands-on science center in Wichita, where she is the volunteer services manager, the school and groups manager, an educator and does special event sales.

1993

Melissa Dietz, Haslet, Texas, and her husband, Dan, have three children: Jacob, 7; Sarah Grace, 3; and Emma Kate, 1. Melissa is a full-time mom.

Chelsea Fine, Atlanta, Ga., works with Metrobrokers as a real estate agent and is certified in commercial real estate. Contact here at cpfine@hotmail.com

Michelle Tillson Flisowski, Burleson, Texas, works at Burleson High School as a special education teacher. She has two children: Jeffrie, 7, and Sydney, 5.

Matt Hewett, Bakersfield, Calif., is a vice president and community banking district manager at Wells Fargo Bank.

Kim McGovern, Dallas, Texas, works with Flowserve as the senior employee benefits attorney.

Leslie Griffin Scott, Shreveport, La., opened her own business, Edible Arrangements, in September 2006 after being a stay-at-home mom for seven years. Edible Arrangements offers entirely edible hand-sculpted fresh-fruit bouquets. She and her husband, Tommy, have three boys: Griffin, 6; Elliott, 3; and Oliver, 1.

Eddie Seabaugh, Collinston, La., works for Wilhite Electric Co., Inc. in Bossier City as a job cost accountant.

Mary Jo Sumpter White, Little Elm, Texas, is a preschool 3-year-old blended teacher for the Little Elm Independent School District. She is a certified teacher who serves low income, migrant, English as a Second Language and special needs children in her district.

1994

Alisa Harris Butler-Druzba, Concord, N.H., and Jeff Druzba were married on Oct. 22, 2006 in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Alisa and Jeff live in Concord with her son Keegan, 3 and his daughter, Isabelle, 3. Alisa is the administrator of the Rural Health and Primary Care Section, Division of Public Health Services, New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services.

Michael Davidson, Atchison, Kansas, finished a doctorate in music at the University of Cincinnati and is currently employed at Benedictine College in Atchinson as an assistant professor of music/director of instrumental ensembles.

Lisa Gragg, Dallas, Texas, is married to Scott Schroeder and she is a veterinarian. They have a son, James.

Dawn Johnson, Carthage, Texas, is a registered nurse and completed the Family Nurse Practitioner program at UTMB-Galveston in 2001. She has taught at Panola College in Carthage for the past six years in the Associate Degree Nursing Department. She is a nurse practitioner in the Emergency Room at Nacogdoches Medical Center and at the Henderson Family Health Clinic.

Kara Zukowski McDaniel, Atlanta, Ga., is a licensed professional counselor.

Bobby Wilson, Atlanta, Ga., works with Coca-Cola in Atlanta as a dairy scientist working in the Global Development Group. He is the first dairy scientist hired by Coca-Cola in its 120-year history. Bobby says, "Look for the 'Far Coast' concept when you travel outside the USA!" Bobby would also like to thank Dr. Ed Leuck for teaching him about milk and yogurt in microbiology.

1995

Cissy Fryer Gardner, Englewood, Colo., is a regional sales representative for Oppenheimer Funds, Inc.

Denise Wilson Garza, Bossier City, La., works as a school psychologist and behavior interventionist for the Bossier Parish School System.

Khanh Hoang, Oklahoma City, Okla., is a PharmD candidate at the Oklahoma University Health Science Center College of Pharmacy.

Leah Hudson, Adams, Tenn., is an occupational therapist. She and **Richard P. Teta** married on Aug. 5, 2006. **Jim Pagano '95** of Boulder, Colo., served as best man.

Sean Lybeck-Smoak, Milwaukee, Wisc., works in the Office of Vocational Development at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

Kim Brobst Meeder, Shreveport, La., was named Bossier Parish Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Dawn Frentress Norris, Richardson, Texas, is the assistant director of student activities and multicultural student affairs at Southern Methodist University.

Angie Woodruff Pattison, Tampa, Fla., is the coordinator of Community Donations for Metropolitan Ministries, a large faith-based non-profit organization that serves the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless.

Mandy Kinasewitz Taylor, Little Rock, Ark., graduated from Texas Woman's University with a master's degree in occupational therapy on Dec. 16, 2006.

Randi Thompson True, Pilot Point, Texas, celebrated her ninth wedding anniversary last November. Randi works as a physician assistant in Irving, Texas three days a week and spends the remainder of the week with their children. Chris is a law enforcement officer with Texas Parks and Wildlife and manager of the parks on Lake Ray Roberts. They have two children: Garrett, 5, and Lindsey, 2 1/2.

1996

Suzette Reser Hadden, Bossier City, La., is the curriculum facilitator of the Bossier Parish School System.

Lynd Matt, Cambridge, Mass., works as a professional non-profit fundraiser as well as singing in the Boston Symphony Orchestra's Tanglewood Festival Chorus.

Thomas Meyers, Springfield, Ill., is a special education teacher for Sangamon Area

Alumni at the New Orleans Happy Hour at The Columns

Sharron Harrison Burns '79 and Lucie Thornton '79

Ashley Young '05, Jared Frank '06 and Leah Wingate '05

(Back row) Andrew Barkley '05, Ashlie Junot '06, Debbie Elsen '06, Kakie Walker '06, (Front row) Jared Frank '06 and Ashley Herrman '05

Alums Lynd Matt '96, Rev. Carol Borne Stewart '69 and Rev. Jane Bostick Bearden '70 chat during a break at the 221st Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, held in Boston. Stewart was in town to speak to the Convention on Hurricane Katrina relief efforts in the Diocese of Mississippi. Bearden is a priest in the Massachusetts Diocese who is currently working on the Mississippi Gulf coast, and Matt is the associate director of resource development for the Diocese.

Elder alumni and friends connect with Dr. Amy Hammond's Human Growth and Development psychology class, sharing life experiences and stories with current Centenary students.

Harbin Boddie '46 talks with students

Alumni and friends pose with Dr. Hammond and her class

An Invitation

Dr. Hammond invites elder alumni and friends of the College to participate in future sessions. She expects to conduct these workshops each semester. For more information and/or to volunteer, contact Dr. Amy Hammond at 318.841.7267 or email her at ahammond@centenary.edu.

Special Education District and the head baseball coach for Auburn High School in Auburn, Ill.

Erich Nunn, Philadelphia, Pa., is a doctoral candidate in English at the University of Virginia.

John Saddler, Washington, D.C., is a professor of history at both George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College. He and several NVCC colleagues teach college-level classes to a group of motivated and talented high school seniors at Manassas Park High School in Manassas Park, Va.

Matt Thornton, Little Rock, Ark., is the assistant director of physical therapy at Martin Bowen and Hefley Orthopedics. He and wife Megan have two sons, Carson and Adam.

Kristen Batchelor Walker, Cary, N.C., lives with husband Glenn and their 3-year-old son Hayden in the Raleigh area, where she is currently active with the Junior League.

Amy Warren, Charlotte, N.C., works at Carolinas Medical Center as a child life specialist. She also teaches as an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Amy volunteers at Camp CARE, a camp for local children with cancer.

1997

Verne Champagne, Shreveport, LA., is a registered nurse in the emergency room at Willis-Knighton Bossier.

Elizabeth Means Culp, Cleburne, Texas, has a 9-month-old son, Ian. Her husband, Brian, is in the U.S. Army.

Shawna Williamson Ferrell, Longview, Texas, received her Texas loan officer's license and started a company, Mortgage Solutions, in Longview. She specializes in construction of permanent home loans. She and her husband, Dusty, have three children: Tyler, who is in the first grade; Valerie, 4; and Tanner, 3.

Candice Endicott Gibson, Bossier City, La. and husband Trey have moved back to the area from Ruston, La. She is teaching English at Bossier Parish Community College. Their son, Alex, is 3.

John Hyatt, San Diego, Calif., has completed his commitment to the Navy working as the medical officer for a Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron based in the San Diego area. He is moving to Memphis, Tenn. to start his ophthalmology residency.

Wendy Hill Johnson, Bossier City, La., is a pricing analyst for CenturyTel.

Shay Journo, Burnsville, Minn., and his wife, Amy Mieger Journo '96, have a 1-year-old son, Benjamin. He is the finance manager for Pepsi Bottling Group.

Cynthia Cottrill Marron, Nashville, Tenn., works for United Methodist Publishing House in the retail sales call center. She hopes to eventually work in editing.

Todd Martinez, Shreveport, La., teaches physical science and coaches basketball at Captain Shreve High School. He will have his master's in leadership education this summer. His son, T.J., will be 2 this July.

Matt Prysock, Maumelle, Ark., is the assistant softball coach at the University of Central Arkansas and events coordinator at Acxiom Corp.

Kyle Roberson, Dallas, Texas, is pursuing a master's of divinity at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology and wading through the candidacy process for the United Methodist Church in order to become an ordained elder. Kyle and his wife, Joy, have one child, Cordner, who is 2.

Edward Wicker, Metairie, La., is an attorney. He and wife, Tiffany '97, have two young children: Evan and Avery.

Shay Zeller, Concord, N.H., started law school in fall 2006.

1998

Treva Armstrong, Little Rock, Ark., is a third-year medical student at the American University of the Caribbean and will graduate in 2008.

Steven Bell, Hurst, Texas, is in his fifth year as an associate minister at First United Methodist Church of Hurst. He was ordained an elder in the United Methodist Church this past summer. Steven, Meredith and their 2-year-old daughter, Ann, live in Hurst. Meredith is currently in her second year as an associate minister at First United Methodist Church of Arlington, Texas. Steven began doctoral work at Southern Methodist University in January 2007.

Christine Zaffarano Bromley, Sherwood, Ark., continues to work at L'Oreal in

North Little Rock. Her oldest child is in kindergarten.

David Clampitt, Shreveport, La., is a medical student at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport and will graduate in May 2007.

Jeremy Erwin, Bossier City, La., began an affiliation with Women's Health Associates and the Willis-Knighton Physician Network on Sept. 1, 2006.

Thomas Eskew, U.S. Army, continues to serve in Iraq.

Katharine Harper McCormick, Cedar Park, Texas, began a new job in March 2006 with the state of Texas as an auditor for Mental Retardation Authorities statewide. She travels around Texas ensuring that the members of the population are receiving all the services available to them.

Justin Hayes, Little Rock, Ark., and his wife, Jessica, had been living in Little Rock with their 1-year-old daughter, Julia. Justin worked as an emergency room physician at St. Vincent Hospital in Little Rock. He and Jessica are building a home in Bonanza, Ark. (population 514) and Justin is beginning work as a family physician in Booneville. He continues to serve in the Army National Guard.

Melissa Delgatto Ketchand, Prosper, Texas, is a stay-at-home mom with two girls: Kendall, 3, and Emily, 6 months. Emily Brooke Ketchand was born July 1, 2006, weighing 7 pounds, 13.5 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches long. Melissa's husband, Aaron '98, is vice president of land acquisition at Meritage Homes.

Tamika Sims, New York, N.Y., is still living in New York City and coaching gymnastics.

Jimmy Van Doren, New York, N.Y., still lives in New York City and enjoys it greatly.

Greg Wilkins Warren, Spring, Texas, participated in the Great American Voices Military Base Tour, presented by the National Endowment for the Arts. Twenty-three opera companies from all over the U.S. were paired with local military bases. Each company put together a program mixing operatic hits with lighter fare, including operetta and Broadway musicals.

1999

Katie Barkley, Shreveport, La., married Johnny Loomis of Shreveport on March 31, 2007.

Amy Brown, Buffalo, N.Y., received a Ph.D. in social psychology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio in August 2006. She is working as a post-doctoral associate at the Research Institute on Addictions in Buffalo, N.Y.

Martenique Cazedessus Cochran, Hot Springs, Ark., is a senior compensation analyst with Alltel Wireless Telecommunications.

Dayspring Linder Conley, Wake Village, Texas, is a senior independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay.

Heather Mahaney Gordon, Schererville, Ind., is a religion teacher and campus minister at Marian Catholic High School.

Tyler Speckman, Shreveport, La., is a vice president and relationship manager for business banking at Chase.

Josh Stoner, Columbia, Mo., is director of strength and conditioning at the University of Missouri. He is responsible for the athletic development for football and the throws portion of the track and field team.

Ann Taylor, Dallas, Texas, is a full-time student again, working on another degree.

Mary Cholley Whisenhunt, Fort Worth, Texas, is a Healthcare Systems Trainer at Lone Star Communications.

James Williams, Baton Rouge, La., graduated from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans in 2004. He is a resident in general surgery in New Orleans. He and his wife, Beth '00, have a 3-year-old daughter, Grace.

2000

April Carpenter, Bronx, N.Y,, finished her doctorate in molecular and cellular physiology and has taken a postdoctoral fellowship in immunology at the Hospital for Special Surgery/Cornell University in New York City.

Roberto Fernandez-Vinas, Carrollton, Texas, is the senior program director for MediFit Corporate Services. He oversees daily operations and profitability of the Well at Dell Fitness Centers.

Robin Hill, Katy, Texas, is a teacher. She finished her first half Ironman Sept. 11 in Grand Prairie, Texas. Her husband, **Nick Hill '02,** and 3-year-old daughter, Madeleine, were there to cheer her on.

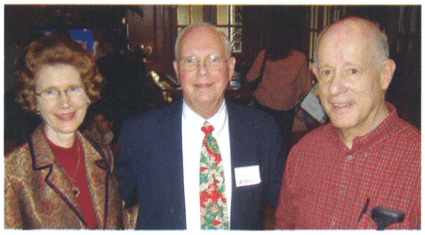
DFW Holiday Reception

Held at the home of Bill '58 and JoDeane Bradford, hosted by Kathleen Bradford Powell '84

Host Kathleen Bradford Powell '84, Mimi McDowell and Katie McNeil '07

Stephanie Clifton, Nicole Clifton '11 and Bob Clifton MBA '85

Jordan Williams '11, Bobbie Williams, J.R. Williams and Sam Flores '00



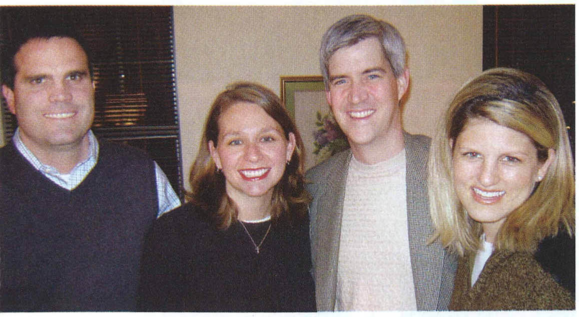
Mary Ann and Frank Rembert '53 and Nathan Fox '58

Houston Holiday Reception

Held at the home of Mike '65 and Carolyn Spaulding Mann '65

Mark and Anna Neal Alexander '96, Carolyn Mann '65, Amy and Neal Williams '97

Fred Serrett '88 and Marie Serrett



Chris '95 and Jennifer Pledger '95 and Alan '93 and Suzanna Abston '95 get together with Little Rock alumni to meet prospective students and their families at the annual party hosted by Jim and Elise Argue '71 and Emily Argue Stotts '06.

Ginnie Valentine Locke, Pineville, La., is practicing dentistry in Pineville in a group practice with Dr. Edwin White and Dr. Tom Hathorn. On Dec. 7, 2006, she and husband Jeremy welcomed a baby girl, Emmarie Sue Locke. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Michael Penn, Shreveport, La., is a sales consultant at Rountree Ford.

Beth Stubblefield, Denver, Colo., is a Ph.D. graduate student (pharmacology/neurophysiology) at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. She conducts scientific research on synaptic neurotransmission in the mammalian hippocampus in order to prove her thesis.

Delmire Tillman-Fisher, Houston, Texas, is a secondary teacher. She has completed the certification requirements to become a principal, and she is looking for a position in that area.

Angie Watkins, Shreveport, La., is a teacher at C.E. Byrd High School in Shreveport. She teaches American literature and journalism. She is the advisor of the school newspaper, which is currently ranked as the No. 1 school newspaper in Louisiana, and she is also the advisor of the flag line and baton twirling team.

Beth Blackburn Williams, Baton Rouge, La., is a patient relations specialist at Ochsner Health System.

2001

Teresa Aldridge, Bossier City, La., is a physical education teacher at Donnie Bickham Middle School in Caddo Parish.

Evette Barnes, Manhattan, Kansas, has a master's in health administration from Latrobe University in Melbourne, Australia. She is a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. She and Allen Hill of Powder Springs, Ga. were married on Jan. 13, 2007 at Eglin Air Force Base in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. They are stationed at Ft. Riley.

Laura Walker Bozell, Arlington, Va., still works for Congressman Jim McCrery in Washington, D.C., but has moved from his personal office to the Ways and Means Committee, where she serves as professional staff for the Health Subcommittee. She married David Bozell of Alexandria, Va. on Nov. 12, 2005.

Lisa Carmack, Haughton, La., works with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness as regional coordinator for Region 7. She is also an adjunct instructor at Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

Jamie Hearne, Alexander, Ark., and Matthew Irwin, an electrical engineer, married on Nov. 5, 2006 in Little Rock, Ark. Jamie is in her second year of pediatric residency at the University of Arkansas Center for Medical Sciences/Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Donald Kirkindoll, Lexington, S.C., is the director of music at Ashland United Methodist Church and is taking some time to work before going back to school to get his doctorate in choral conducting.

Kristina Honeycutt Kirkindoll, Lexington, S.C., will finish her master's in library science at the University of South Carolina in the summer of 2007 then plans to work in a school media center.

Janna Lhotsky, Stafford, VA, is an acute in-patient physical therapist. She works with patients in the hospital setting. She got married in October 2005. Her husband is serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Katrina Martin, Buies Creek, N.C., is admissions support coordinator at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C.

William McDearmont, Shreveport, La., is the evening director for KTBS-TV Channel 3, Inc. His wife, Jennifer, is a middle school English teacher for the Caddo Parish school system.

Shannon Richardson, Austin, Texas, works for the Austin bureau of *People* magazine.

Kathryn Shelton-Welch, Long Beach, Calif., passed away quietly in her sleep on June 4, 2006. This was completely unexpected. Her death was due to a heart irregularity, mitral valve prolapse, for which she had been under observation but not treatment. Kathryn had arrived in the Washington, D.C., area on June 3 for a vacation visit and passed away in her parents' home that night. She was 27 years old and had celebrated her third wedding anniversary only two weeks earlier. Kathryn is survived by her parents and sister, **Cragin '71** and **Kay '72 Shelton** and Becky Sue Shelton, and her husband, Christopher Welch.

Michael Tooke, Dallas, Texas, and **Matthew Nicholas '01,** started Switch, an event lighting company that works primarily with Todd Fiscus, one of Dallas' premiere event planners and designers. Previously, Michael and Matthew worked together at Dallas Theater Center.

2002

Dana Beyert, New York, N.Y. worked on the MTV Video Music Awards show this past summer, and she was even seen briefly on-camera. After Pink won an award, Dana could be seen on television walking backstage. She also worked at the MTV Fashion Rocks Show headlining NYC Fashion Week.

Crystal Carter, Shreveport, La., married Greg Aucoin on Oct. 28, 2006 at Lake Bistineau. Included in the wedding party were fellow alumnae **Melissa Duplantis '02** and **Joanna Tagert '03**.

Brant Dowe, Shreveport, LA., is a registered nurse at Willis-Knighton Pierremont.

Melissa Duplantis, Chicago, Ill., has worked as a behavior therapist with children diagnosed with autism for the last seven years. She graduated with a master's in clinical psychology from Sam Houston State University in 2005. Her thesis research was presented in the 2006 SWPA conference and is currently being submitted for publication. In the fall of 2006, she started a PsyD program in clinical psychology with a concentration in forensic psychology at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Andrew Farrow, Astoria, N.Y., works in the Design and Engineering Department at Showman Fabricators. Showman is a commercial sceneshop in New York City that builds scenery for television, Broadway and other theatrical and entertainment events. Also, Drew recently received his M.F.A. in technical design and production from the Yale University School of Drama in New Haven, Conn.

Kris Franks, Fort Worth, Texas, has been a German teacher for the Fort Worth Independent School District since August 2006. He is working on an M.A. in German studies through Texas Tech University. He is organizing a summer exchange to Germany for students in his district. About a year ago, he started Franks Financial Consulting and sees clients when he is not teaching or working on his master's.

Chris Jackson, Goshen, N.Y., is an assistant vice president at Chase Auto Finance, a division of JPMorgan Chase. He works as a dealer relationship manager, supplying dealers with automobile finance solutions.

Rebekah Snider Leger, New Orleans, La., is pursuing a master's in public health at Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Femi Odukoya, Duesseldorf, Germany, is a sports consultant.

Matthew Philbrook, Chicago, Ill., is the director of transportation for All Sport Accommodations, a travel agency that specializes in travel for youth sports teams.

Britt Pitre, Cumming, Ga., is an independent filmmaker, writer, director and producer.

Margaret Read, Flagstaff, Ariz., will be graduating from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff with a master's in health psychology this year.

Melanie Russell, Covington, La., just started working on an artist diploma in voice at Yale University on a full two-year scholarship.

Rebecca Soskin, Mountain View, Calif., received the 2006 Aaron Selber, Jr. Leadership Award at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. She was chosen for her outstanding leadership of the LSU School of Medicine's pediatric interest group and community service program. Rebecca is in a residency training program in pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine.

Christin Lawrence Stoner, Columbia, Mo., is currently working in a Pediatric Intensive Care Unit as a registered nurse. She is also applying to a nurse anesthesia school for admission for summer 2008.

2003

Jessica Clampitt, Shreveport, La., is an accountant at Miller, Carpenter & Earnest, an accounting firm in Shreveport.

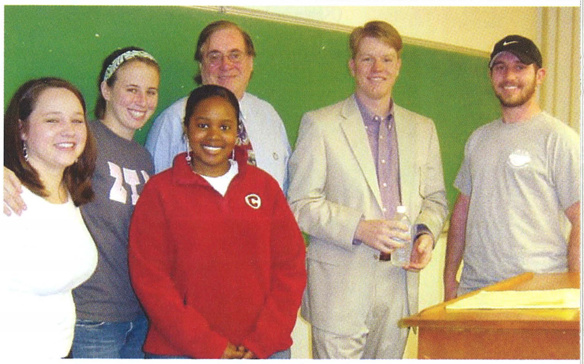
Katie Cooper, Bronx, N.Y., works at Cline Davis & Mann, a pharmaceutical advertising agency in New York City.

Katie Meinen Cope, Fort Worth, Texas, works as an inside sales representative for the Texas Rangers Baseball Club.

Krystil Garrett, Shreveport, La., works as an assistant attorney general in Shreveport doing medical malpractice defense work for the State of Louisiana.

Alumni in the Atlanta area get together in October at the home of Bill and Rebecca Ruffin Leffler '90. Pictured are Susanna Miller '03, Chelsea Fine '93 and Stacey Pylkas '91. For more info on the Atlanta Chapter: atlgentalumni@hotmail.com.

Alumni cheer on the Gents at a basketball game at Georgia Tech and eat crawfish together in May.



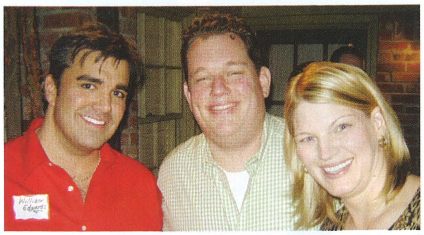
Pre-Law students are pictured with Dr. Rodney Grunes and Stuart Ponder '03 at Careers Connections.

Choir's 65th Anniversary Reunion at Rhapsody in View

Alumni gather at generational reunions and at Choir rehearsal prior to Rhapsody in View to celebrate the Centenary College Choir's 65th Anniversary.

Katy Valentine '00, Brandon Young '96 and Amy Wakefield

(Left) Chip LeDuff '05, Meredith Davis '07 and Jonathan Ferrell '05. (Right) David '98 and Emily Hobson '97


William Edwards, Brandon Young '96 and Janell Hendren Edwards '97

June Montgomery Franks '44 and Mitzi Perry '55

Jonathan Hammett, Baton Rouge, La., recently embarked on a new career in social work. He now works as a case manager in the Family Mentoring Program at the United Methodist HOPE Ministries, a nonprofit organization in north Baton Rouge.

Andrew Irby, Winston Salem, N.C., is an associate attorney at the firm Roberson Haworth & Reese, PLLC, in High Point, N.C. Andrew is engaged to a fellow Wake Forest University alumna, Megan Bennett of Wilmington, N.C.. Their wedding will be on July 14, 2007.

Nikki Jarratt, Shreveport, La., married Tyrel Cody Humphries April 7, 2007.

2003

Chip LeDuff, Camp Lejeune, N.C., is a U.S. Navy hospital corpsman working at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune. He works in the 2D Marine Division's Navy Career Counselor's Office guiding young sailors in the progression of their naval careers. On July 28, 2007, he will be getting married to Christy Melton '03 at First United Methodist Church in Shreveport.

Cody McDonald, Fort Worth, Texas, will graduate from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law in May 2007. During the American Bar Association Law Student Division Spring Board of Governors meeting in New Orleans on March 2007 he was awarded the ABA/LSD Gold Key, an honor seen as the highest given during single administrations of the Division. He has served as governor of the 13th Circuit.

Susanna Miller, Decatur, Ga., is working at Bobby Dodd Institute as the work and progress coordinator and hopes to attend the University of Georgia in fall 2007 to work toward a master's in social work. She is heading up an Atlanta Metro alumni group. Be in touch: susannaemiller@hotmail.com.

Audrey Mitchell, Overland Park, Kansas, is a paralegal with the Miller Law Firm, P.C.

Christen Moulden, Bay City, Texas, is a sergeant in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. She plans on being in the Army until 2010.

Lisa Mull, Shreveport, La., is in nursing school.

Amanda Mustin, Houma, La., passed the Louisiana State Bar Exam and is officially a licensed attorney as of Oct. 13, 2006.

Erin Smith Nix, Houston, Texas, is an associate attorney at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom LLP in Houston.

Rebecca Pistorius Romero, Shreveport, La., is a counselor at St. Joseph Catholic School and a graduate student in the counseling psychology program at Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

Randi Smith, Gainesville, Fla., is currently working on her doctorate in English at the University of Florida. Along with research into the emblematic nature of Early Modern Poetry, she teaches sophomore-level world literature.

Brian Walsh, Niceville, Fla., is vice president and part owner of Key Lime Homes, Inc., a residential construction company in the panhandle of Florida just outside Destin.

2004

Tyeshia Anderson, Shreveport, La., is the coordinator of the Willis-Knighton Community Education Center-Neighbor Health.

Kathryn Thompson Applegate, San Diego, Calif., is in her third year of a Ph.D. program at Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif. She studies cytoskeletal interactions in the Laboratory for Computational Cell Biology. Her husband, Brent Allen Applegate, is a Purdue grad in industrial engineering. Brent moved to San Diego several years ago with his job at Hewlett-Packard. They met through their church.

Sharon Basham, Jackson, Tenn., graduated in May from the University of Georgia with a master's in college student affairs administration. She now works at Lambuth University, a Methodist-affiliated institution, in Jackson, Tenn., as the director of residence life. She is engaged to marry David Komanecky Dec. 30 in New Orleans.

Erin Flaherty Berry, Shreveport, La., is a Spanish teacher for Loyola College Prep.

Chris Bresch, MBA, Bossier City, La., is a geologist with Exco Resources.

Adam Dufour, Dallas, Texas, works at Ernst & Young.

Jessica Haas Greus, North Chelmsford, Mass., married Michael R. Geus on Nov. 10, 2006.

Laura Harper, Newton, Mass., is associate director for Special Olympics Massachusetts.

Kristin Ballard, Shreveport, La., married Jason Holland '07 in Brown Chapel Feb. 17, 2007. She is a claims manager and executive assistant at Specialty Risk Associates, Inc.

DeAndre Johnson, College Station, Texas, is pursuing a master's in sacred music from Southern Methodist University. He is the director of music ministries at St. Luke's Methodist Church in Bryan, Texas.

Allison Kana, Dallas, Texas, is a sales associate at Neiman Marcus working in home decor.

Victoria Kintner, Greensboro, N.C., is a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is pursuing her master's and doctorate in human development and family studies.

Melissa Legrande, New Orleans, La., is finishing up her law degree at Tulane University.

Nate Lucena, Williamsburg, Va., is in his final year in the experimental psychology master's program at the College of William and Mary. He is conducting research in unconscious cognitive processes and creativity. Nate is also a teaching assistant for undergraduate courses in statistics and behavior modification.

Zak Moore, Little Rock, Ark., is selling implants for joint replacement surgeries.

Casey Muller, Baton Rouge, La., is a production assistant at First American Printing and Direct Mail, and runs his own small graphic design studio, Running Man. For Running Man, he creates corporate identity systems, such as logos, business cards, brochures, websites and various print materials.

J. W. Pate, Mc Kinney, Texas, teaches world geography and coaches football at McKinney Boyd High School.

Cassandra Ratcliff, Lubbock, Texas, is a communications assistant at Communication Services for the Deaf Relay. She helps deaf, hard of hearing and speech disabled individuals talk on the telephone.

Joseph Robideaux, Fairburn, Ga., and his wife, **Valerie '03,** had a daughter, Aubrey Del Robideaux, Dec. 14, 2006.

Chad Sepulvado, Shreveport, La., is a third-year law student at the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center.

Ledah Smith, Weatherford, Texas, is the marketing coordinator for Intrust Mortgage based in Fort Worth, Texas.

Mary Beth Smith, Brooklyn, N.Y., was accepted to the New School University drama school's master's program in directing in August 2006.

Traci Smith, Abilene, Texas, works at Smith and Nephew Orthopedics as a clinical therapies specialist. She sells joint fluid therapy injections and bone stimulators to orthopedic surgeons, podiatrists and pain management specialists in the West Texas area.

Merrie Lynn Stewart, Austin, Texas, is studying accupuncture and is half way through a four-year master's program at the Academy of Oriental Medicine in Austin.

Erin Watson, Fayetteville, N.C., is in graduate school working on a master's in medical science to become a physician assistant.

Russell Young, Houston, Texas, completed his master's in geology at the University of Texas in Austin and has just started a job with Exxon in Houston.

2005

Kristen Middleton Blancher, Shreveport, La., is a speech-language pathologist working in the Caddo Parish School System as well as Willis-Knighton Health System.

Lisa Bounds, Austin, Texas, is a community relations specialist for SouthernCare, Inc., the second-largest hospice in the nation. Her job is to attain patient referrals in addition to educating the medical and general community about hospice and its benefits.

Meredith Foster, Crosby, Texas, is currently working on a master's in arts administration at the University of Akron. She is also interning with the Akron Symphony Orchestra within the programming and educational department.

Kelsey Bellamy Johnson, College Station, Texas, is the communications specialist for the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University. She maintains the web site and produces brochures, newsletters and other publications.

Choir's 65th Anniversary Reunion at Rhapsody in View

Shirley "Cookie" Burnett Hobbs '63, Jerre Jouett '63 and Jean Goins '63

Betty Merwin '67, Jane Deterly '67, Jane Cooke '69 and Laurie Kent '66

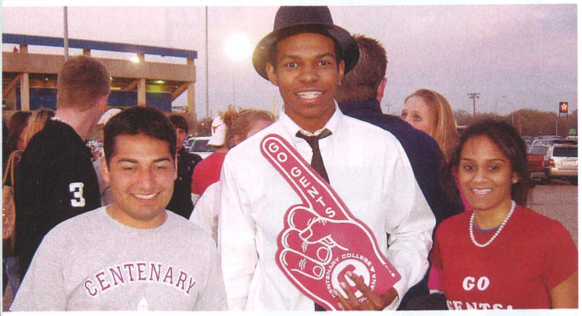
Julie Clegg '82, Rob Gill '82 and Ginger White Collins '81

Kristen Middleton Blancher '05 and Lacy Mulkey '08

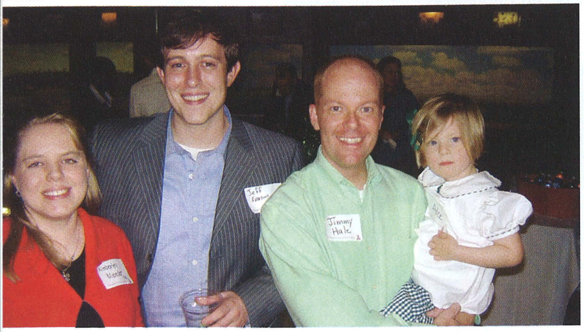
Mary Katherine Morn '83, Edward Hall '83, and David '83 and Tina Langston

Trey '84 and Suzanne Harris '85 and Claudene '90 and Corbit Cockrum '89 visit at the South Louisiana Holiday Reception at the home of Gray '64 and Suzanne Sexton.

Highland Parade, Mardi Gras season 2007



Centenary Gent Nick Rougely '07 (center) and classmates say, "Go Gents!" at the Gents vs. LSU baseball tailgate party at the Shreveport Fair Grounds Field.



Pictured at the second annual St. Patrick's Day party at the Louisiana State Exhibit Museum are Kim Brobst Meeder '95, Jeff Everson '01 and Jimmy Hale '93 with daughter Alice.

Renee Nolen, New Orleans, La., is a project assistant at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine Department of Epidemiology. She is also a student at New Orleans Dance Academy.

Ryan Reid, Vivian, La., was invited to work with Danish director Rasmus Malling Skov Jeppesen on a series of short plays called Bagsaedebetragninger (Backseat Observations) at the Aarhus Festival in Denmark. Ranked as one of the greatest festival events in Europe, Aarhus pulls in from all over the world artistic performances in theater, music, dance, opera, sports and children's entertainment. Ryan has also worked on commercials and the critically acclaimed short film Deliberate.

Stacey Ryder, Shreveport, La., is a first-year medical student at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in Shreveport.

Adam Sistrunk, MBA, Shreveport, La., is vice president of Premier Banking at BancorpSouth.

Stephen Slack, Elm Grove, La., is working with the Praeses Corp. He is involved with soccer programs at Loyola College Prep and Centenary.

2006

Jennifer Atchison, Little Rock, Ark., is a medical student at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences College of Medicine.

Jared Frank, New Orleans, La., is working with Ernst and Young.

Ashlie Junot, New Orleans, La., is the mission coordinator at First United Methodist of Slidell.

Chris Lavan, Lake Charles, La., is attending Louisiana State University and pursuing a master's degree in higher education. He received a graduate assistantship as the student coordinator/advisor for a brand-new organization on LSU's campus, "Volunteer LSU," which provides students, faculty and staff with service opportunities in the surrounding community.

Meg Polito, The Woodlands, Texas, is working on her master's in social work at the University of Houston. She is engaged to **Joshua Scallan '01.**

Repsie Schirmer, Dallas, Texas, works for Guaranty Bank as a financial associate. She attends the University of Texas at Dallas in the Master of Public Affairs program. She is engaged to **Jay Alan Jamison '03.**

Marriages

Bobby Roper '55, Shreveport, La., and Julie Main, Sept. 16, 2006.

Dawn Johnson '94, Carthage, Texas, and Trey Barnes, March 11, 2005.

Brian Stier '94, Bossier City, La., and Kimberly Ann Sandifer, Nov. 18, 2006 in Brown Chapel.

Leah Hudson '95, Adams, Tenn., and Richard P. Teta, Aug. 5, 2006.

David Clampitt '98, Shreveport, La., and **Jessica Haley '03,** July 25, 2006 in Florence, Italy.

Dawn Franzen '98, Dallas, Texas, and Dean Harvie, Dec. 11, 2004.

Lila Johnson '00, Shreveport, La., and Jeremy Christian Knicely, Feb. 17, 2007.

William McDearmont '01, Shreveport, La., and Jennifer Nicole Lafitte, June 16, 2006.

Lisa Mull '03, Shreveport, La., and Kevin Roy Oliver, Aug. 12, 2006.

Amanda Mustin '03, Houma, La., and John Mattingly Jr., May 27, 2006.

Rebecca Pistorius '03, Shreveport, La., and Davis Bryce Romero, Aug. 5, 2006.

Kathryn Thompson Applegate '04, San Diego, Calif., and Brent Allen Applegate, Sept. 3, 2006.

Jessica Haas '04, North Chelmsford, Mass., and Michael R. Greus, Nov. 10, 2006.

Kristin Ballard '04, Shreveport, La., and **Jason Holland '07,** Feb. 17, 2007 in Brown Chapel.

Janis Kelley '05, Keithville, La., and Cole Alan Rosenquist of Wichita Falls, Texas, Oct. 22, 2006.

Births

Bill and **Catherine Green Allen '99,** Shreveport, La., girl, Mary Stephens Marshall, Dec. 21, 2006.

Jennifer and **Paul Berry '95,** Arlington, Texas, girl, Karoline Emma, Oct. 24, 2006.

Angela and **Tim Chastain '96,** Plano, Texas, boy, Aiden Patrick, Jan. 8, 2007.

Herb and **Anna Ludke Coussons '91,** Greenleaf, Wis., boy, Josiah David, Aug. 25, 2005.

Catherine Dart Desselle '90, Cleveland, Texas, boy, Dec. 19, 2005.

Jeremy '98 and **Carolyn Hale Erwin '01,** Bossier City, La., girl, Emerson Claire, July 26, 2006.

Shelly and **Thomas Eskew '98,** boy, Benjamin Thomas, July 25, 2006.

Denise Wilson Garza '95, Bossier City, La., girl, Sophia Marisol, Sept. 3, 2005.

Daryl and **Syralja Pyle Griffin '96,** Opelousas, La., boy, Troy William Griffin, May 16, 2006.

David '98 and **Emily Robinson Hobson '97,** Baton Rouge, La., girl, Landry Elizabeth, Oct. 5, 2006.

Jules and **Monique Cousins Hoffmeister '98,** New Orleans, La., boy, Darby Thomas, June 8, 2006

Trey and **Dawn Johnson Barnes '94,** Carthage, Texas, boy, William Tate, Feb. 28, 2006.

Alan and **Heather Lindsey Jordan '03,** McKinney, Texas, boy, Reid Alan, Dec. 25, 2006.

Jeremy and **Ginnie Valentine Locke '00,** Pineville, La., girl, Emmarie Sue, Dec. 7, 2006.

Beth and **John Michael Moore '95,** Bossier City, La., boy, Hudson Keith, Dec. 4, 2006.

Joseph '04 and **Valerie Olson Robideaux '03,** Fairburn, Ga., girl, Aubrey Del, Dec. 14, 2006.

Micah '99 and **Jennifer Phifer Strange '99,** Shreveport, La., boy, Noel Lewis, Dec. 10, 2006.

Eddie '97 and **Tiffany Hanson Wicker '97,** Metairie, La., girl, Avery Lane,July 23, 2006.

Jeanne Campbell Reesman '77 Completes Fulbright in Greece

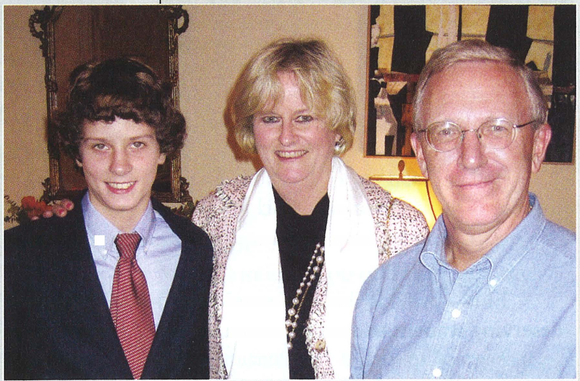
Shreveport native Dr. Jeanne Campbell Reesman, a 1977 Centenary graduate, spent a semester abroad as a Fulbright Fellow at Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece. Reesman, a professor at the University of Texas at San Antonio, was awarded the prestigious position by the Fulbright Foundation, under the auspices of the Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, located in Washington, D.C.

Reesman and her son John Alexander Reesman traveled to Thessaloniki in September 2006 for a five-month stay. As a Visiting Professor at Aristotle University Reesman taught a course in American Realism and Naturalism, met informally with groups of students and faculty, assisted the Department of American Literature and Culture in revising its undergraduate curriculum, and participated in all Fulbright Foundation in Greece activities. Her project was entitled "Crossing Cultures New and Old: American Studies in Greece."

Reesman also gave a number of public lectures, including "The Literary Careers of Mark Twain and Jack London" at the Hellenic American Union in Athens, "Jack London, Photographer" at the United States Consulate in Thessaloniki, and "Cultural Theory, Naturalism, and Photography" at Aristotle University. She also spoke at the Fulbright offices in Athens, at the University of Macedonia, and at Aristotle University to recruit Greek graduate students for Fulbright awards and to study in the United States. Her son, 14, attended the eighth grade at the private academy Pinewood in Thessaloniki and spent his spare time developing his photographs of Greece for a book project he entitled *Stone and Sky.*

Reesman and her son were invited to Thanksgiving dinner at the United States Embassy in Athens by Ambassador Charles P. Ries. They also had the opportunity to travel extensively in Greece, to the Saronic Gulf island of Aegina, to Crete, to Vergina to visit the tomb of Philip II of Macedon, and Attica's famed temple to Poseidon at Sounion. They traveled to several sites in the Peloponnese and made several visits to Athens.

Reesman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Evan Campbell of Shreveport and got her writing start as a summer intern at *The Shreveport Times.* She is now the author of nearly 30 books in American literature and is recognized as a leading expert on Jack London, whom she studied at Centenary with Dr. Earle Labor. She has previously been awarded research grants by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Philosophical Society and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.



Jeanne Campbell Reesman '77 and son John Alexander visit with U.S. Ambassador Charles P. Ries on Thanksgiving Day last fall during Dr. Reesman's Greek sojourn as a Fulbright Fellow.

College Mourns Loss of Two Trustees

Masasuke 'Mat' Kawasaki
Slidell, Louisiana

Mr. Kawasaki, a ship builder and United Methodist lay leader, died June 8, 2007 in Slidell, La. He was 82. He joined the Centenary Board of Trustees in 1992. A memorial service was pending in Slidell at press time.

William Hutchinson Jackson
Shreveport, Louisiana

Mr. Jackson, who died unexpectedly on Dec. 19, 2006 at age 79, had contributed his expertise and service to the Centenary Board of Trustees for over 30 years. He served as chairman of the Great Teachers and Scholars Campaign in 1974. A Shreveport businessman, philanthropist and outdoorsman, he was awarded a life membership on the board in 2000.

Rodney B. Cage '66, and Virginia Daniel, director of planned giving, celebrate Cage's gift that will keep on giving, via his bequest.

Cage Wishes to Do as Donors Did for Him

Rodney B. Cage '66 has retired twice and now wishes to do as donors did for him—provide the opportunity for a deserving student to attend Centenary. He has agreed to include a provision in his will to establish both an Endowed Scholarship and Annual Scholarship Fund. Cage credits Centenary for the solid liberal arts education that helped prepare him to think critically and solve problems creatively. After receiving a bachelor of science degree in mathematics, he completed successful careers working for IBM and Solving International, a consulting firm that he and a colleague created. He is one of the newest members of the Paul M. Brown, Jr. Society, those alumni and friends who include Centenary in their estate plans.

In Memoriam

Helen Funderburk Garrett '26
Oct. 30, 2006

Helen Elder Reynolds '27
March 1, 2005

Idelle Jackson Hill '30
May 22, 2005

Sarah Mullinaux Rains '30
Oct. 8, 2006

Uriah Youngblood '34
Nov. 22, 2006

Truett Crim '35
May 7, 2004

Virginia Hart Brinkmann '36
Aug. 13, 2006

Thalia White Gunn '36
Feb. 9, 2007

Margaret Taylor Hoover '36
Oct. 25, 2005

Eula Turner Ford '38
Nov. 23, 2004

Irbie Palmer Lawrence '38
Sept. 17, 2006

Mary Sellers Tacon '38
Dec. 27, 2006

Edgar Percy '39
Dec. 16, 2006

August Goldstein '40
Oct. 16, 2006

Lois Philyaw Yearby '40
Feb. 15, 2007

Ethel Shropshire Brassell '41
Dec. 14, 2006

Cecil Bland '42
Feb. 8, 2007

Ethel Kramer Colquitt '42
Sept. 19, 2006

Sam Gipson '43
3/31/2006

Alexander May '43
Sept. 23, 2006

Robert Raley '43
April 6, 2006

Dottie Helm Welbourne '44
Nov. 20, 2006

Lyle Barre '46
April 29, 2006

Mildred Ridgeway Galloway '46
Nov. 23, 2006

Raymond Flowers '47
Feb.2, 2006

John Haygood '47
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Jack Reeks '47
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Jim Eakin '48
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Sidney Williams '48
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William Keasler '49
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Joan Melton Alben '50
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Patsy Neck Boggess '50
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John Goodson '50
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Martha Bridges Allen '51
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Thelma Coleman Miears '51
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John Wideman '51
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Fred Hill '52
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Millard Snyder '52
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Betty Nichols '54
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Gail Granger McCallister '63
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Bill McCaa '64
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Norma Breed Magness '65
Oct. 6, 2006

Mal Morgan '66
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Andy West '79
Sept. 6, 2006

Charlotte Blakely Evans '82
June 23, 2005

Allan Todd '84
Aug. 3, 2006

Roddy Taliaferro '86
June 12, 2006

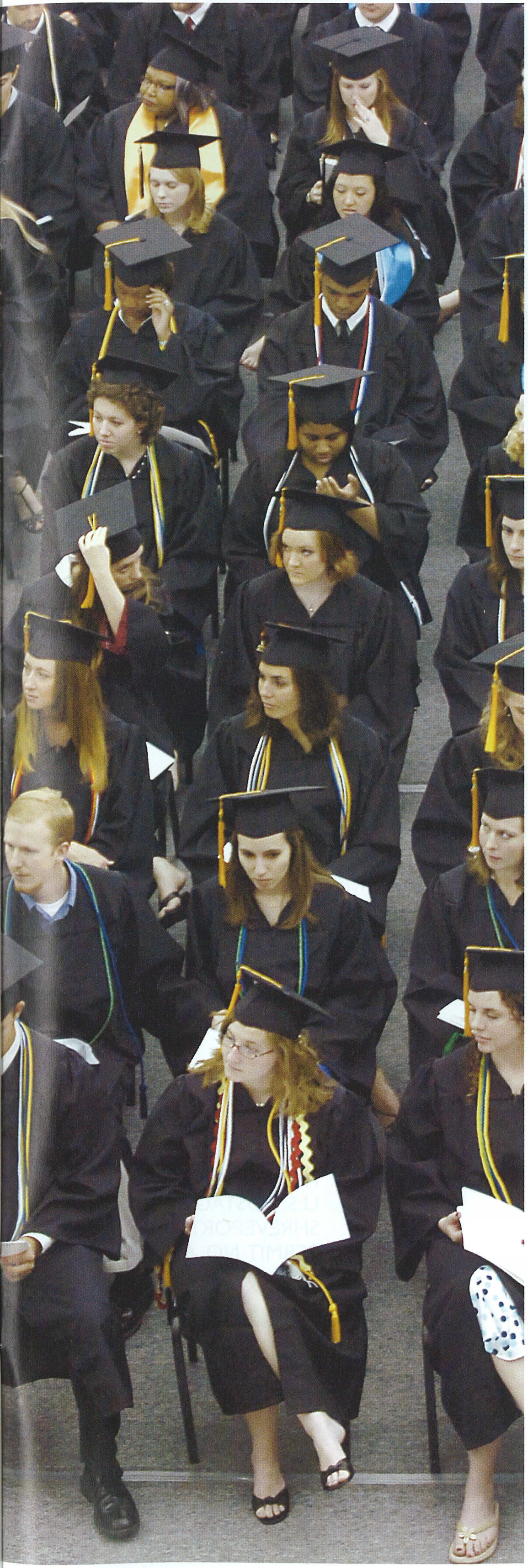
Jamie Blevins '90
June 19, 2006

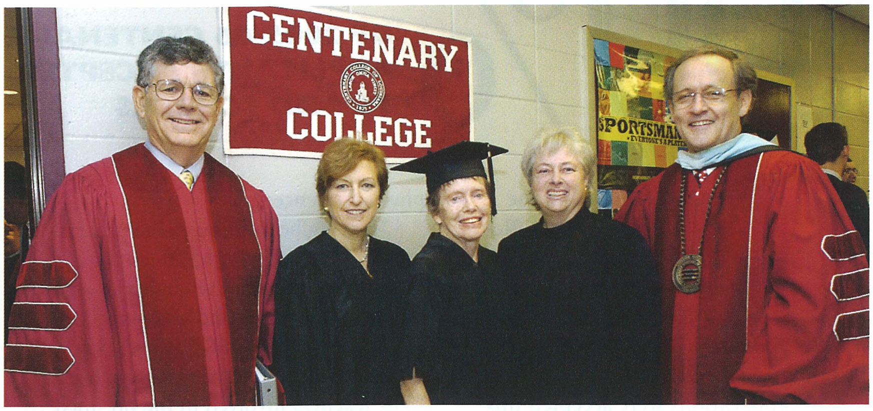
Joe Dame MBA '91
May 19, 2006

Kathryn Shelton-Welch '01
June 4, 2006

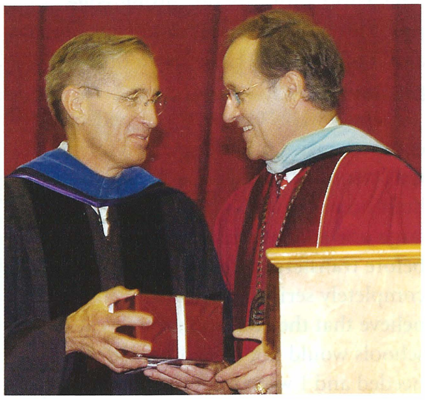
Tommy Welch '01
Feb. 27, 2007

THE BIG DAY: Graduation'07





Green, Speairs and Williams Receive Honorary Doctorates Celebrating the awarding of honorary doctorates this year are (left to right) William G. Anderson, chairman of the Centenary Board of Trustees; Dr. Madeleine F. Green, vice president for international initiatives for the American Council on Education, speaker and recipient of the honorary Doctor of Laws; Betty McKnight Speairs, professor emerita of mathematics and longtime supporter of the college, who received the honorary Doctor of Science degree; the Rev. Marie Williams, co-pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Slidell, La., and former district superintendent for the Monroe District of the Louisiana United Methodist Church, who received the honorary Doctor of Divinity; and Centenary President Kenneth L. Schwab.

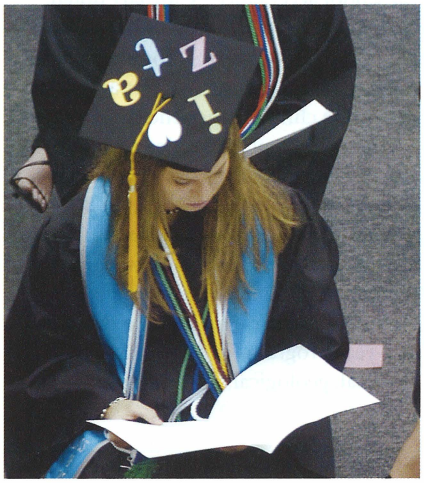


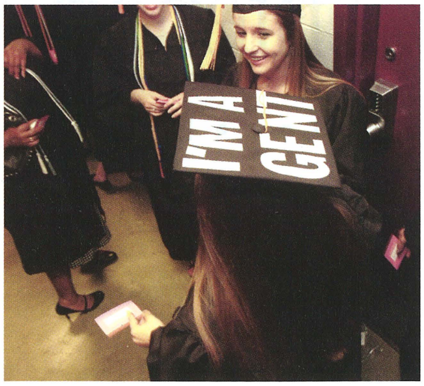
Dr. Jeffrey Trahan Retires After 34 Years in Physics Department

Jeffrey F. Trahan completed his Ph.D. at Louisiana State University in 1972 and began teaching physics at Centenary in the fall of that year. Earlier he had earned a B.S. in physics at Tulane University (1963) and M.S. at LSU in 1969.

On May 5, 2007, he retired with honors after a distinguished 34-year career at Centenary. Among his accolades: selection as the second holder of the College's first endowed chair, the Cornelius D. and Florence Gillard Keen Chair of Physics in 1980-81; promotion to full professor in 1984; Outstanding Teacher Award in 1996; and election to professor emeritus status in 2007.

Also retiring this year were Dr. Al McKinney, Broyles Professor of Computational Mathematics, and Dr. Ron Martin, Sklar Chair of Chemistry, both of whom completed seven years at Centenary. Best wishes to all.





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OF 2005-06 CENTENARY APPLICANTS ACCEPTED TO MED SCHOOLS

GOOD NEWS from the Pre-Med Advisor's office: 100 percent of Centenary's applicants from the Class of 2006 have been accepted to medical schools. That's a total of 21, including 17 accepted last year and four whose reapplications were accepted this year.

"I don't know of any school right now that can attest to 100 percent acceptance," said Dr. Scott Chirhart, biology professor and pre-med advisor. "For 21 students that's a great record."

For this year's class, 12 of 16 have been accepted so far. "It's not uncommon for people to have to wait out a year for medical school acceptance," Chirhart noted, explaining that some need to bring up their grade point average, some retake the Medical School Admission Test and some need more clinical experiences.

Though acceptance ratios vary from year to year, Centenary has long had an impressive rate, averaging around 80-85 percent. Because such a large percentage of doctors earned undergraduate degrees at Centenary, the college has been listed in *Top Colleges for Science,* a guide to leading four-year programs in the biological, chemical, geological, mathematical and physical sciences.

"Having been through the process myself, I can tell you that there is a direct correlation between the quality of an applicant's teachers and acceptance to medical school," says Dr. Patrick Sewell, renowned surgeon from Jackson, Miss. "The teachers involved in the pre-med program should be commended and recognized for such a success."

Dr. Sewell, a member of the Centenary Class of 1986, is the co-founder and executive medical director of the Sapheneia Medical Minimally Invasive Therapy Institute. He has been named one of "America's Best Doctors" and has been described by Jackson's *Clarion-Ledger* as "the world authority on cutting-edge procedures used to treat cancerous kidney and lung tumors." He is also a fifth-generation physician.

Says Sewell: "Centenary provided a comprehensive program, which formed the scientific bedrock that my success is built upon." Sewell initially attended two large universities for six months each before transferring to Centenary. "I am completely serious when I tell you that I believe that the educational styles at both schools would not have provided what I needed and I would not be the physician I am today if I had stayed and completed my education at those universities." He even doubted whether he would have been admitted to medical school at all if he had stayed at either university.

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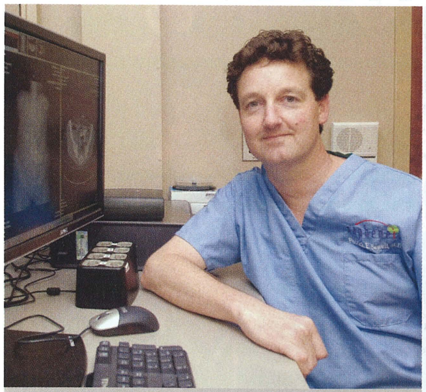

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from our alumni director

Dear Alumni and Friends,

This magazine highlights the Centennial Celebration of the College's first 100 years in Shreveport-Bossier. As we take time to celebrate this history, we also look ahead to the next century of maintaining excellence in the educational experiences provided to our students.

To recognize this milestone, we have already begun a full calendar of special events, including the Centennial Celebration Kickoff Dinner in January and Homecoming 2008 in February. On our Founders' Day, the state of Louisiana and the cities of Shreveport and Bossier City declared it Centenary College of Louisiana Day! But the celebration has only just begun. Throughout the year, we will continue to recognize those who have made Centenary College such a great place to live and learn. I invite you to take part in this historic and exciting time.

Our Centennial Celebration is special for Ladies and Gents everywhere because we all play an essential role in the history and future of Centenary College. I hope that you will take advantage of all the benefits Centenary offers you.

For example, our new Alumni Legacy Program reaches out to your children, letting them know that they are special to your *alma mater*. Please bring them to campus so they can see what Centenary could mean to them. Campus and alumni activities abound. There are also geographic and affinity alumni chapters that provide social and networking opportunities.

Our website is also a great resource for all things Centenary. Visit www.centenary.edu/centennial for information about the Centennial and glimpses into Centenary's past. Stay connected to the celebration throughout our Centennial year. And visit connect.centenary.edu, the new interactive alumni website, to meet up with old friends and make new ones.

Please enjoy this commemorative magazine. Its pages are filled with news about the Centennial and about you, the valued members of our Centenary family.

Sincerely,
Carla E. Alsandor MBA '04
Director of Alumni Relations

CORRECTION

Sometimes "firsts" are "seconds"

In your "CENTENARYfirsts," you note that Robert Parrish was the "first basketball player to go professional in his sport."

Ah, Bartleby! Ah, humanity! How soon one is forgotten. I believe that Connie Mack Rea, 1954, was the first. Drafted by the Baltimore Bullets, he played but a few games because of injuries. He escaped a life at the dead letter office and later became a professor of English.

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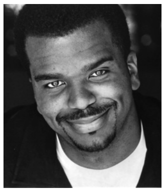

Fighting Squirrel Productions, Centenary's programming organization, brought comedian Craig Robinson to the Gold Dome on Jan. 26. The actor and comedian, who has appeared on the hit TV show *The Office* as well as the movies *Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story* and *Knocked Up*, was a big hit.

BOBBY JINDAL

Then Governor-elect Bobby Jindal made two visits to Centenary between his election and inauguration. His first stop was Oct. 23 during his "thank you tour" of the state, speaking to a crowd of students, faculty, and community members. Jindal visited again on Dec. 4 to hold an open hearing of his Ethics Reform Transition Team Advisory Council.

MATHEW SCHWARZMAN

Nationally esteemed community-based arts educator and co-author of *Beginner's Guide to Community-Based Arts*, Mathew Schwarzman visited Centenary during the week of Sept. 16. Intended to advance campus dialogue about diversity, community building, culture, and the artist as an agent of change, Schwarzman's visit coincided with New Orleans-themed exhibits at Centenary's Meadows Museum of Art and promoted the Highland Spirit House Project, Shreveport's very own community-based art project.

LEE EPSTEIN

On Constitution Day, Centenary welcomed Professor Lee Epstein of Northwestern University. She gave a lecture on constitutional interpretation by the current U.S. Supreme Court. A fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Epstein has authored three of the required texts for law-related courses at Centenary.

SHANE CLAIBORNE

On Nov. 8 and 9, Christian activist Shane Claiborne spoke at Centenary as well as Grace Community United Methodist Church on issues of social action and Christian witness. Claiborne, author of *The Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical*, shared from his experiences working among the poor and homeless across the world.

TALKING PHILOSOPHY

Over four days (Oct. 25-28), radio show hosts and Stanford University philosophers Ken Taylor and John Perry met with First-Year Experience students, recorded a live show on the philosophy of work, and broadcast another show live from the KSCL 91.3 FM studios on campus. Their national public radio show, *Philosophy Talk*, presents philosophic dialogue in everyday language to encourage real thinking.

The show that *Philosophy Talk* recorded on Centenary's campus featured special guest Al Gini, a Loyola University professor and author who has studied the philosophy of work. Centenary students and local community members posed questions to Gini, Taylor, and Perry from the audience.

To hear the program, visit http://www.philosophytalk.org/pastShows/Work.html.

BOARD OF REGENTS MATCHES ELEVEN PROFESSORSHIPS

The Louisiana Board of Regents presented matching funds to Centenary for 11 new professorships last Sept. 18. Among the professorships were 10 John E. Goode Jr. Endowed Professorships in Mathematics given in memory of John A. Hardin, Dean of Students at Centenary from 1924 to 1947. Marie Goode finalized the gift that her husband, John E. Goode Jr., began, saying "he just wanted to do something for Centenary in Hardin's name because he had done so much for him. We're just happy to be able to pass it on."

NEW FACULTY AT CENTENARY

Dr. Mark Goadrich, Broyles Eminent Scholars Chair in Computational Mathematics

Ms. Emily Heugatter-Mathias, assistant professor of theatre

Mr. David Hobson, A.C. "Cheesy" Voran Choir Director of the Centenary College Choir

Dr. Troy Messina, assistant professor of physics and Broyles Inaugural Chair

Dr. Mary Robert Garrett, assistant professor of chemistry

HOSTING SWACURH

More than 350 students converged on our campus for the Regional Southwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls conference Nov. 8-11. It was the largest conference in SWACURH history.

Representatives from an impressive list of big and small schools throughout Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana enjoyed the high-energy weekend full of school spirit and countless exchanges about how to improve residential life on college campuses. Centenary students Cody Andrews and Maggie Mahoney wrote the initial proposal and co-chaired the event.

The SWACURH conference came to Centenary in a year full of accolades. Our residence life program has received 38 regional and 11 national awards since January 2007—more than any other school in the nation.

CENTENARY ANNUAL FUND UNDERWAY

With a goal of $4 million this fiscal year, the Centenary College Annual Fund can make the vital difference for individual students. But for the fund to succeed, we need your help.

"The Annual Fund is the cornerstone piece of the school's funding efforts," said Fred Landry, Director of Annual Giving at Centenary. "Nearly 95 percent of all Centenary students receive some sort of financial assistance, so the Annual Fund helps cover the annual operating budget while providing much-needed scholarships for our current students."

Bridging the gap between expenses and funds received through tuition and endowment income, the comprehensive Annual Fund includes specific funds for academic enrichment, campus improvement, and student scholarships. Donors can designate gifts to the Great Teachers and Scholars Fund, the Parent Annual Giving Fund, the Student Annual Scholarship Fund, or other specific funds.

New this year: an Annual Fund volunteer management board representing the major constituencies of the College. This board includes alumni, parents, parents of alumni, Trustees, faculty and staff, students, business owners, and friends of Centenary.

"Everyday, I give thanks for people whose gifts make possible the daily operation of Centenary," commented Dr. Kathy Fell, Vice President for Development.

For more information or to give to the Annual Fund, contact Fred Landry, Director of Annual Giving, at 318.869.5136 or visit www.centenary.edu/development.

CENTENARY PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Who is the Centenary community?

Top faculty, committed staff, active alumni, generous friends, hard-working students . . . and involved parents.

When visiting campus to spend time with their children, parents often tour Meadows Museum, have lunch in Bynum Commons Cafeteria, walk through the azaleas in Crumley Gardens, enjoy a production at Marjorie Lyons Theatre, and cheer for athletic teams playing home games.

But many parents take their Centenary experience to an even higher level—by participating in the Parents Council.

All parents of current students are automatically members of the Parents Council, an organization that promotes Centenary by helping recruit prospective students and providing constructive feedback. The Parents Council also conducts a fundraising campaign for the Parent Fund project, which is based on a specific need that parents and students find extremely important on campus.

For last year's Parent Fund project, 350 parents gave more than $18,500 to the Career Services Fund. "This has allowed me to install an online resource library and redecorate several offices," said Dennis Taylor, Director of Career Services. "We've also been able to activate a website that streamlines job postings, resume submissions, career fair schedules, and mentoring opportunities."

Taylor praised the Parents Council and their generosity during Parents and Family Weekend 2007. "I really enjoy working with your students as they strive to attain their career goals," he said. "With the Parents Council's gifts, Career Services is able to assist them in many more ways."

According to Zeke Aull, Director of Public Safety, the goal and focus of this year's Parent Fund project is to raise $50,000 for the Safety Campus Fund. "Gifts to the campus safety fund will allow our officers and staff to provide more educational programs for students regarding personal safety," explained Aull. These programs include vehicle maintenance, alcohol awareness, date-rape prevention, and campus emergency procedures. "I want to thank you all in advance for giving to the Campus Safety Fund so Centenary College can remain a safe place for your children to live and learn," he said.

Centenary appreciates all of its parents—parent cheerleaders for athletic teams, parent hosts for holiday and admissions receptions, parent mentors from various industries, and parent donors whose gifts mean the difference between maintaining a great college and evolving into an extraordinary one.

Questions about parent involvement? Please contact Jennifer Pearson at 318.869.5103 or jpearson@centenary.edu, or visit www.centenary.edu/parents.

Launching Louisiana Live Your Dream!

This fall, Centenary returns to our roots—a premier liberal arts college for Louisiana students—by launching Louisiana Live Your Dream, a program that will pay the tuition and student fees for up to four years for certain students. Who's eligible? Any Louisiana resident who qualifies for a Federal Pell Grant and who is entering Centenary for the first time as a full-time student.

For more information, contact Mary Sue Rix, Director of Financial Aid, at 800.234.4448 or 318.869.5137.

A NEW RESIDENTIAL DATA NETWORK

Centenary has chosen Apogee, the leading provider of innovative technology solutions and services to higher education, to deploy and manage its state-of-the-art residential data network. Offering 24-hour customer support, a reliable connection and affordable services, Apogee comes as something of a knight in shining armor for the Centenary community. "Before, the internet would go out at the worst times, but now we know we'll be able to get that paper in on time. We have a good internet connection!" says junior Katie Matza.

upCOMING EVENTS

2008-09

April 4

Preview Weekend

5-6 pm, Crawfish Boil
7:30 pm, Opera Workshop Production, *The Mikado*

8 pm, Ben Folds Concert
10 pm-midnight, Block Party

April 5

Preview Weekend

12 pm, Organization Fair and Academic Departmental Lunch
1 pm, Campus Tours
7:30 pm, Opera Workshop Production, *The Mikado*

April 4-5

Louisiana Film Festival - Student Division

Kilpatrick Auditorium

April 11

Camerata, Cantare, and Chorale

7:30 pm, Anderson Auditorium

April 15 & 17

Centenary Film Society presents *The Golden Door*

7 pm, Jackson Hall

April 16

Chamber Winds Concert

7:30 pm, Anderson Auditorium

April 17-19

USA Gymnastics Women's Collegiate National Championship

Gold Dome

April 22

Healthy Kids' Fun Run

The Cross Country Team offers this fun run for elementary and middle school children to promote running as an enjoyable and central activity in sustaining a healthy and active life. Children and their parents will run the one-mile loop on the Centenary campus just for fun. Contact Shelley Armstrong at 318.869.5277 for more info.

April 24

Honors Convocation

5 pm, Brown Chapel

April 25-26

Spring Dance Concert

8 pm, Marjorie Lyons Playhouse

April 27

Spring Dance Concert

2:30 pm, Marjorie Lyons Playhouse

April 28

Hurley Orchestra

7:30 pm, Anderson Auditorium

May 3

Camerata and Cantare

7:30 pm, Anderson Auditorium

May 10

Commencement

Celebrating the Class of 2008
10:30 am, Gold Dome

Centenary & Community

CONNECT THIS JUNE

June 1-4

The Annual Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church

June 13-15

Jambalaya Jubilee

June 24

Weekend of the Cross

Upcoming
SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

For more information on upcoming summer sports camps, contact the Athletics Department at 318.869.5275 or log onto **www.gocentenary.com**

Basketball Camp

Session I	June 16-20	9-12 pm	Boys 4-8
Session II	June 16-20	9-4 pm	Boys 9-17
Session III	June 30-July 3	9-12 pm	Boys 4-8
Session IV	June 30-July 3	9-4 pm	Boys 9-17
Team Camp	June 27-29		

Residential Soccer Camp

Session I	July 13-17		Boys 10-13/Girls 10-18
Session II	July 27-31		Boys 14-18

Tuition: $325

Full-Day Soccer Camp

Session I	July 13-17	8:30 am-8 pm	Boys 10-13/Girls 10-18
Session II	July 27-31	8:30 am-8 pm	Boys 14-18

Tuition: $250

Elite Soccer Camp

Offered for Residential/Full-Day Camp Sessions I & II
Tuition: Corresponds with Residential or
Full-Day Camps, Boys/Girls 14-18

Team Soccer Camp (Residential or Full-Day)

July 20-24 (Designed for groups of 13 or more)
Tuition: Residential, $280; Full Day, $215

Day Soccer Camp

July 27-31, Boys/Girls 8-10, 8:30 am-5 pm
Tuition: $200

Lil'Booter Soccer Camp

Session I: July 21-24, Boys/Girls 5-8
Session II: July 28-31, Boys/Girls 5-8
9 am-12 pm
Tuition: $100

Indoor Soccer Camp

Session I: June 2-5,
9 am-12 pm, Boys/Girls 5-7
1 pm-4 pm, Boys/Girls 8-10
Session II: June 16-19,
9 am-12 pm, Boys/Girls 5-8
Tuition: $100
S'Port Indoor Soccer Arena

CENTENARY COLLEGE
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY
APRIL 27
Centenary Centennial Showcase at the Louisiana Boardwalk
2-7 pm

SATURDAY
MAY 3
Historical Tour of Campus
9:30-1:30 pm

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19-20
Legacy Alumni Celebration during Parents and Family Weekend

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1-2
Centenary College Choir Rhapsody in View

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 15
Centennial Gala

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 5
Annual Candlelight Service and Holiday Reception

From Shelter to Mascot

Centenary welcomes Skeeter

How quickly life can change!

One minute you are spending your days at a rescue shelter wondering if or when you will be adopted, and the very next moment, you are the newest member of the Centenary family. That is exactly what happened for one very special dog.

One life-changing event began when students, faculty, staff, alumni, and some prospective students voted online for an additional mascot to complement Centenary's nickname, the Ladies and Gents. During the week-long election, more than 1,400 ballots were cast for five choices: Catahoulas, Explorers, Fire Ants, Mudcats, and Squirrels. After all the votes were counted, a clear winner emerged with a little more than 32 percent, the Catahoula.

The Catahoula Leopard Dog, often called the Catahoula Hound, is the official state dog of Louisiana. It is the only breed of dog native to the state and is a cross between a breed of domestic dogs raised by the Indians of the Catahoula Lake region and the Spanish "war dog" that came to Louisiana in the 16th century. With a spotted coat and webbed feet, the Catahoula makes an excellent pet and guard dog and is used extensively for hunting as well as herding domestic livestock.

Since there was so much buzz around the campus and the local community on who was selected as the winning mascot, officials at the college decided to make the announcement almost immediately instead of waiting until Homecoming ceremonies in February.

So the search began for a Catahoula that would become the College's new mascot and that could be introduced to the campus community. An intense internet search and calls to local shelters started without any luck. The search quickly expanded to the surrounding areas of

Texas, Arkansas and southern Louisiana. Finally, a Catahoula was located at a rescue shelter in Texas.

Skeeter, a two-year old Catahoula cur, had been at the Houston-based rescue shelter, Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP), for more than a month when Rick DelaHaya, Director of Marketing and Communications, stumbled across his photo on the organization's website. "I took one look at his face and just knew he was the one," said DelaHaya. "With the help of CAP, we were able to adopt Skeeter and bring him home."

DelaHaya made the overnight trip to Houston to visit and meet Skeeter face-to-face before adopting him. "The staff at the shelter were very caring, wanting to make sure it would be a good match and that he was going to a good home," added DelaHaya. "I was hooked the moment I saw him."

CATAHOULAS
Ladies

Holly Williams, Skeeter, Rick DelaHaya, and Jared Ward are pictured after the announcement of the winner for the additional mascot to complement the Ladies and Gents.

When the staff at the shelter learned of Skeeter becoming the new mascot for the College, they were very excited. "This is about the coolest thing to happen to one of our rescues," said Candee Best, Volunteer Coordinator. "We are excited to know he is going to a good home and to an environment where he will be loved."

After completing all the necessary paperwork, DelaHaya and Skeeter made the 5-hour journey back to Shreveport. By 8 pm December 6, Skeeter was officially introduced to the Centenary community in the Gold Dome during the men's basketball game. "He handled the introduction like a champ," DelaHaya said.

Before making the introduction, Centenary College President Dr. Kenneth Schwab thanked everyone who voted and those on the mascot committee, saying that everyone at the College was excited about the new mascot. "We will always be the Ladies and Gents, and the new mascot will be a perfect addition," he said.

On hand to make the official announcement and open the "ceremonial" envelope, President Schwab introduced SGA President Holly Williams; Hoyt Bain, president of the National Alumni Association; and Jared Ward, student chair of the Mascot Advisory Commission. Together, they opened the envelope and revealed the new mascot.

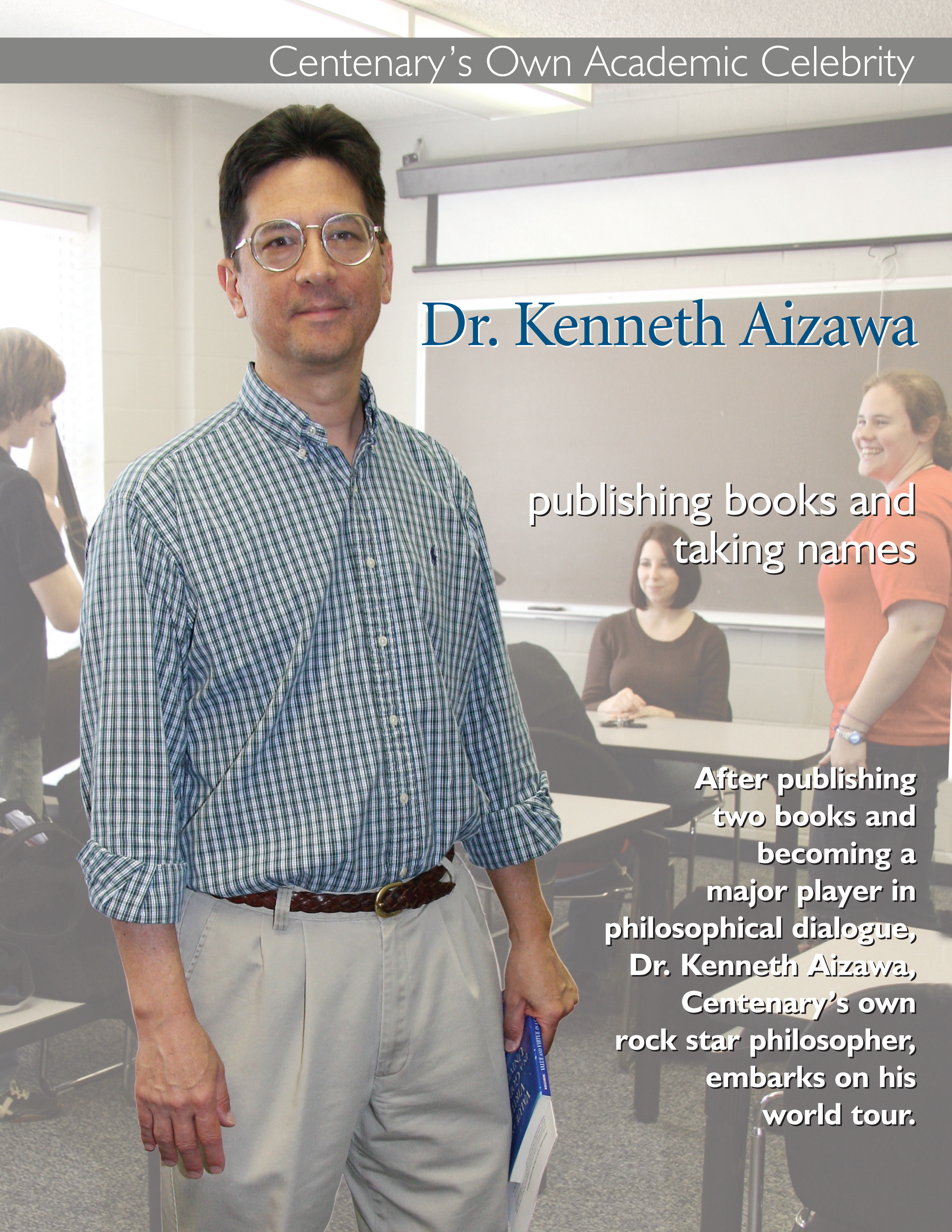
"And the newest member of the Centenary family, joining our beloved Ladies and Gents is…the Catahoula," Bain, Williams, and Ward told the crowd of cheering fans.

Now that Skeeter is the official mascot, he will make regular appearances at home games and events across campus. "We are going to enroll him in obedience class and also train students as handlers," said DelaHaya. "He is such a sweet dog and everyone has just gone crazy over him. He really is a good fit for the College."

Since arriving at the College, Skeeter has been treated almost as royalty. During his occasional walks around campus, shouts of "Hey Skeeter" echo across the quad, while some students stop to pet and meet the newest member of the Centenary family. "We are proud to add Skeeter to our family," added Dr. Schwab. "He has really taken to his new home and his new community."

NOTE:
If you live in the Houston area and are considering adopting a pet, please contact the Center for Animal Protection (CAP) at 281.497.0591 or visit their website at cap4pets.org.

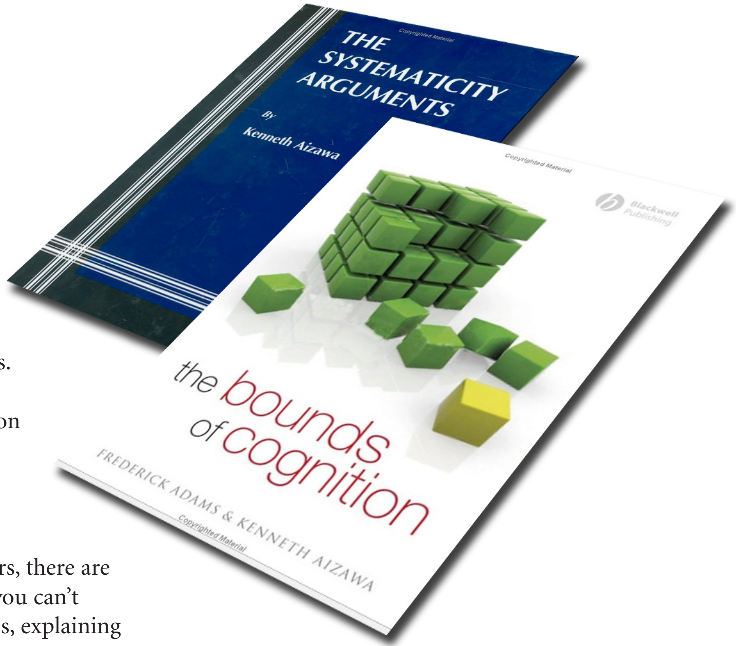
Centenary's Own Academic Celebrity



Dr. Kenneth Aizawa

publishing books and taking names

After publishing two books and becoming a major player in philosophical dialogue, Dr. Kenneth Aizawa, Centenary's own rock star philosopher, embarks on his world tour.



Most students share dorm space with mountains of textbooks, lab manuals, computers, and homework, so they do not realize that there is a whole other side to the academic world. Dr. Kenneth Aizawa, however, knows it all too well. The Charles T. Beaird Professor of Philosophy at Centenary since 2001, Dr. Aizawa has ushered hundreds of students through everything philosophical from Socrates to Darwin's theory of evolution.

But that is just part of his job. Dr. Aizawa ministers to students about the ins and outs of philosophy every day, and when he goes home at night, his “second” job has only begun.

Rock Star Philosopher

Behind the scenes, away from the bloodshot eyes of exhausted undergraduates, a greater philosophical community dwells, buzzing with the arguments and rebuttals of a constant dialogue. When asked why he went into philosophy, Dr. Aizawa says simply, “I wanted to be a part of the philosophical conversation.”

And a part of it he has certainly become. To date, Dr. Aizawa has published two books—*The Systematicity Arguments* (Kluwer Academic, 2003) and *The Bounds of Cognition* (Blackwell, 2007) with Frederick Adams. Additionally, he has authored 30 refereed book chapters and journal articles, eight book reviews, four conference proceeding publications, and two dictionary entries.

“My teaching is one life and my research is another,” Dr. Aizawa explains, and then laughs. “I go home and become the rock star philosopher.” His Aizawa World Tour has featured over 40 academic presentations by invitation at colleges and conferences throughout the United States and Europe.

But it's not all fun and glory. Garnering a voice in the philosophical dialogue takes “lots and lots of background research,” says Dr. Aizawa. “You need to keep up with the literature and you need to know what's happening so that when you see something you can get there first.” That means there are no summer vacations or spring breaks for Dr. Aizawa. “You have to get up early, turn on the computer, get out your books, and start working on the next chapter.”

And with increasing success comes increasing demands. “People want papers,” Dr. Aizawa shrugs. “Then it's on their timetable.”

A 90,000 Word Answer

“When you write papers, there are objections and problems you can't address,” Dr. Aizawa begins, explaining the motivation to publish books in the academic community. “Books give you the chance to flesh out your story and defend your position better.”

However, publishing a book does not yield instant gratification. From organizing the 90,000 words allotted to timing its release well, writing and publishing a book is quite the ordeal.

“Undergraduates have a really tough time just constructing the organization for a five-page paper,” Dr. Aizawa laughs. “My manuscript for both these books was on the order of 250 pages.” Then “you have to convince a publisher that you know what you're talking about” and hope you catch the right moment to publish on the topic.

But the result is well worth the work. “It is very much a dialogue,” Dr. Aizawa says. “It's a continuing dialogue and a book is just one installment in that dialogue, but it will go on.” Thanks to his hard work and good timing, Dr. Aizawa will continue to be a major player in this conversation.

One Heck of a Day Job

“I like teaching,” Dr. Aizawa affirms. “It's trying to engage students in a conversation.” And his students think he succeeds in doing just that.

“Dr. Aizawa has wide knowledge concerning all varieties of science,” according to Richard Davis, senior neuroscience major. “I've never had a problem asking Dr. Aizawa questions in or out of the classroom. He is always willing to help his students.”

While conducting research and contributing to the literature of the philosophy community places a great burden of time on Dr. Aizawa's schedule, these also enhance his teaching. “Textbooks take years to produce, then are used for several years and often cover areas outside an author's expertise. So they are frequently dated or incorrect,” cautions Dr. Aizawa. He says teachers must stay current to fill in the gaps and keep students aware of the latest developments.

“I have, oh, two jokes,” Dr. Aizawa jests about his teaching style. Students like Morgana Broussard, junior neuroscience major, seem perfectly content with those jokes. “I laugh more in his class than any other class I have,” says Broussard. “Every time he tells me of a different class he is going to teach, I sign up for it!”

Good thing, since Dr. Aizawa says that his favorite thing about Centenary is “the students who are interested, fascinated, and challenged by new ideas.”

Biggest Tour Yet

Dr. Aizawa recently published *The Bounds of Cognition* and has a paper pending publication in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Now he is preparing for a conference on computation and cognitive science hosted by The British Academy, The British Society for the Philosophy of Science, Microsoft Research, and The Mind Association, at King's College of Cambridge this July. Dr. Aizawa calls this conference the “coolest invitation I've had yet.”

Seems like the natural next stop for Centenary's own rock star philosopher.

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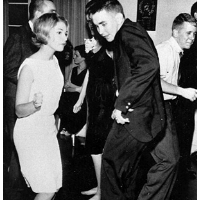
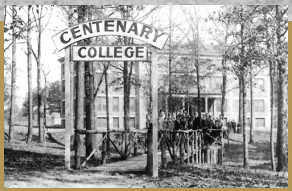


Celebrating Our History



September 16, 1908: classes begin in Jackson Hall on the new Shreveport campus

1908

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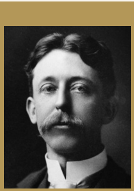
College President Dr. William L. Weber raises $35,000 to equip Jackson Hall with basic utilities



First commencement exercises are held on Shreveport campus

1912

1918

A wood frame dining hall is built near Jackson Hall

George Sexton, Senior Minister at First United Methodist Church of Shreveport, becomes president of the College, brings football to Centenary

1921

1921

The first Centenary *Yoncopin* is printed

Enrollment increases to 600+ from 43 the previous year

1922

1923

The Arts Building is completed: it originally housed liberal arts classes, later became the library, then the administration building, and finally Meadows Museum, which it remains today

A frame gymnasium is completed

1925

1926

The first men's basketball game is played in the new gymnasium: Centenary vs. Texas A&M

CENTENARY COLLEGE
100 years
in Shreveport-Bossier

1908-2008

In 2008, Centenary College celebrates an important anniversary: 100 years on the Shreveport campus.

This year, Centenary College of Louisiana celebrates 100 years of academic tradition and history in the Shreveport-Bossier community. We trace our charter to 1825, but at the turn of the last century, northwest Louisiana welcomed Centenary's move to the current campus. We have maintained deep connections to our local community ever since.

Three words have defined the past century at Centenary: campus, culture, and community. Locals know the school for its contributions to music and theatre, research science and religion, literature and art, public debate and problem solving. Centenary has been the center of much opportunity for northwest Louisiana, enriching the lives of thousands who have visited and attended the private liberal arts college.

During the last 100 years, Centenary has played a vital role and cultivated strong partnerships in Shreveport-Bossier. Our alumni have led local business and politics, churches and laboratories, and they continue to be featured in arts communities near and far. The campus itself has been a place of lively debate for those with diverse opinions, a stage for artistic expression and literary awareness, and a center for civic engagement.

Centenary College has hosted hundreds of guest speakers throughout the years, many of whom are well known, others not since the school provides a place where different voices can be heard. Our Methodist heritage shaped this openness to varied points of view and debate.

Some such speakers have come to campus as Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellows, owing to Centenary's long partnership with the national speaker series. Notable Fellows who have spoken here include Bob and Jane Levy from the *Washington Post*; Richard Jones, U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon; Daniel Goldin, NASA's longest serving administrator; and Dr. Michael Guillen, Harvard instructor and ABC science correspondent.

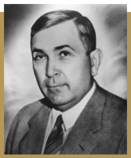
Dignitaries have also graced the stage at Centenary, including President George W. Bush, First Lady Barbara Bush, Congressman Jim McCrery, Governor Bobby Jindal, and Senators Mary Landieu and David Vitter. The College has brought political candidates to northwest Louisiana as well, recently hosting forums for the 2003 gubernatorial debates and the 2004 U.S. senatorial debates.

But Centenary is much more than academics and public speakers. We also bring arts and culture to the community.

Heading the list of must-visit campus venues are the Meadows Museum of Art and the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse. At any given time, Meadows has some of the world's best art collections on display, including the Indochina collection of Jean Despujols, a comprehensive collection representing the aesthetic achievements of various world cultures including works by

Centenary Maroon Jackets are formed
1931

1932
The Centenary Stadium, located on what is today Centenary's baseball field, is completed. Centenary beat LSU while Gov. Huey Long watched



Dr. Pierce Cline becomes president of the College, keeps College afloat during The Great Depression
1933

1936
Haynes Gym is completed

Women join the Centenary Marching Band
1938

1941
The Centenary College Choir is formed by A.C. "Cheesy" Voran

Dodd College is purchased for the College by Arch Haynes and used as an auxiliary campus
1943

1945
Dr. Joe J. Mickle becomes president of the College, leads construction for most of the campus buildings we know today and raises the endowment

The football stadium is razed following WWII and "VetsVilla" was constructed for returning men on the G.I. bill
1946

1948
Groundbreaking for new Science Building (Mickle Hall) on site of original gymnasium

Time Capsule dedicated marking 50 Years for Centenary College in Shreveport
1958

In 2007, Marjorie Lynons Playhouse commemorated 50 years of the productions and people who have made theatre at Centenary College an important part of the arts in Shreveport-Bossier. The show featured musical numbers and scenes from productions over the past fifty years performed by alumni, community members, and current students. The emcee for the evening was Kip Holloway, John Matthews was the musical director, and Joy Ratcliffe was the accompanist. Also, Paul Cambeilh and Jody Kirk Elliot performed a number from *The King and I*, MLP's ribbon-cutting production from 1957.

George Grosz, Emilio Amero, Mary Cassatt and Alfred Maurer. Meadows also has a strong connection to South Louisiana collectors and the New Orleans Museum of Art, sharing with them such unique exhibits as the history of lighting implements and community-based arts projects in post-Katrina New Orleans.

From wall art to performance arts . . . the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse at Centenary recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. What began as a primitive white frame building in the mid-1950s with high caliber productions and summer musicals has become a center for all things theater in Shreveport-Bossier. The Playhouse has staged numerous musicals including such classics as *Hair* and *The King and I* as well as plays from *Romeo and Juliet* to *Angels in America*. Known for its lavish and sometimes provocative productions throughout the years, the Playhouse auditions students and community members, making for some remarkably sophisticated theatre.

Centenary also heralds literature in our community. The Corrington Award for Literary Excellence has brought writers of great acclaim to northwest Louisiana since Eudora Welty, the award's first recipient, read her story "A Worn Path" at Centenary's 1991 commencement. And last year brought Louisiana native and Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa.

The award always shares special connections with Louisiana: it is named for Centenary alumnus John William Corrington, a novelist and screenwriter, and the award takes the form of a medal (as seen at left) designed by the internationally exhibited Louisiana sculptor Clyde Connell. Most Corrington recipients have international reputations, having accepted the Pulitzer and Bollingen Prizes as well as numerous other significant literary awards.

Centenary has long been known for its vibrant academics, excellent preparation for graduate and professional schools, thoughtful community service, and quality interaction between students and faculty. An extraordinary number of its graduates go on to leadership roles in the arts, church, science, and medical communities as well as in business and industry.

But most Centenary students say their time in Shreveport is about more than education . . . it is about a life experience that prepares them to meet the challenges of a world after college.

The R.E. Smith Religious Building is built, named in memory of former Dean of the College and professor of religion
1961

1962
The cornerstone of Magale Library is laid

Famous Book Walk: students, faculty and staff brought books to the new library by hand
1963

1963
The wooden amphitheater is rebuilt with concrete and the frame stage is replaced by an acoustic band shell

Dr. Jack Stauffer Wilkes becomes president and the Hurley School of Music and Cline Hall men's dormitory are built
1964

Centenary admits the first African American students
1965

1969
Dr. John Horton Allen becomes president of the College

Hamilton Hall is completed
1971

1974
Gold Dome is completed and the Church Careers program begins

Robert "The Chief" Parish graduates from Centenary and goes to play for the Boston Celtics, later to be inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame
1976

1977
Dr. Donald A. Web
becomes presider
of the College

Did You Know?

During our first few decades in Shreveport, Bayou Pierre flowed along the southern edge of campus. Now, "the sleepy sliver bayou" is mentioned in our Alma Mater.

Our first building, Jackson Hall, cost only $33,000 to build. It initially housed every element of the school's operation but had no electricity or running water when classes started in Fall 1908.

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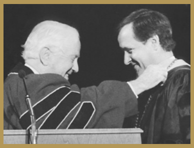
Pro golfer Hal Sutton graduates and women's gymnastics produces Olympic medalist Kathy Johnson
1981

1983
A fire guts most of the fourth floor of Mickle Science Building, destroying many choir archival items.

Jackson Hall is renovated to form the structure we know today
1988

1991
Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab becomes the 29th president of Centenary



Dr. Rosemary Seidler receives national recognition for Outstanding Academic Advising
1993

1997
Centenary Choir sings at White House: the first of six performances to date

The Chemistry Club ranks among the nation's top 8%
1998

2000
The French Government honors Dr. Dana Kress with their highest academic distinction

Pandora is named among the nation's top five college literary magazines and two students earn Fulbright Scholarships
2002

2005
President George W. Bush in the Gold Dome to a packed house of students and community members

Centenary Camerata sings at Carnegie Hall
2006

2007
Catahoulas become an additional mascot to the Ladies and Gents

Centenary celebrates the Centennial of our relocation to Shreveport
2008

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2007-08

For more information about sports at Centenary and a complete schedule of athletic events, visit www.gocentenary.com.

Gents Basketball Defeats Texas Tech, Other Favorites

The Centenary men's basketball team started this season with its best record in recent years. In January 2008, the Gents were 9-10, just one game below .500. The team notched impressive wins over SMU, rivals Northwestern State and Louisiana Tech, Summit League preseason favorite IUPUI, and legendary coach Bob Knight's Texas Tech Red Raiders.

The conference slate proved to be much tougher for the Gents, who advanced to The Summit League Tournament for the second consecutive season as the eighth seed. The junior tandem of **Tyrone Hamilton** and **Nick Stallings** were both rewarded for their fine play with Honorable Mention All-Summit League accolades. **Hamilton** scored his 1,000th point as a Gent during the season and currently sits in the top 15 all-time.

Ladies Basketball Rebounds from Injury, Shoots Individual Records

Second-year head coach Steve Curtis and his Centenary women's basketball team had an up-and-down 2007-08 season. In the eighth game of the year, junior second team all-conference honoree **Cierra Bush** went down with a season-ending knee injury. Picking up the offense in **Bush's** absence was the freshman dynamic duo of **Anne Farrell** and **Ashley Jackson**, who scored 11.9 and 9.9 points per game.

Farrell was named to the Summit League All-Newcomer Team. She pulled down 211 rebounds on the year, good enough for sixth place on the all-time Centenary single season list, and her rebounding average of 7.3 per game ranks eighth among single-season leaders. Junior **Karolina Zaloga's** 112 assists put her fourth-best in a single season and just seven assists short of making the top-10 career list for the Ladies. Rounding out the season recordbook, sophomore **Bethany Joseph** hit 96 career 3-point field goals, which puts her in third place all-time at Centenary.

Baseball Poised for Repeat

The 2008 Centenary baseball team hopes to duplicate its magic from 2007 when it made an improbable run through the Mid-Con Tournament. The Gents fell to Oral Roberts in the first game and were forced to play a double header on the second day of the tournament. In the elimination bracket, Centenary combined to outscore Western Illinois and Valparaiso 15-4. However, in the championship game against ORU, the Gents were downed 9-1.

This season the Gents will welcome back 16 letter winners and five starters. Among the student-athletes coming back is senior **Teddy Sanez**, who was named second team all-conference in 2007 along with sophomore pitcher **Dakota Robinson**. Also coming back in 2008 is **Cameron Penny** and **Jeremy Sheehan**, who were both selected to the all-tournament team.

Softball Celebrates Individual Honors, Brings Back Veterans

The Centenary softball team saw its run of three consecutive seasons with a winning record come to an end after finishing 22-27 in 2007. The Ladies looked like they would extend the streak to four years in a row until poor weather forced the cancellation of more than 10 games. Nonetheless, the team qualified once again for the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament, which was hosted on Centenary's campus.

Several Ladies enjoyed fine seasons and were recognized for their efforts. Pitcher **Ryan Thacker** and utility infielder **Allison McClain** were named conference Players of the Week during the season. Additionally, **McClain** and **Micah Rhodes** were selected to the All-Conference and All-Louisiana teams.

The Ladies return 12 players from the 2007 team and are full of experienced veterans to lead the team in 2008.

Volleyball Earns Individual Accolades

The Centenary volleyball team had a growing season as the Ladies finished 2-28 on the year and 1-15 in Summit League play. Despite the disappointing record, several individual players eclipsed milestones and found themselves in the Centenary record book by the end of the season.

Lindsay Bekelja

Senior **Lindsay Bekelja** added to her list of accomplishments during her stellar four-year career by becoming the first Ladies setter to surpass 4,000 assists, finishing with 4,432. That total places her first all-time at Centenary and fifth in The Summit League. She also became the second player to record more than 1,000 digs in a career (1,089). She already held the single-match (67) and single-season (1,268) record for most assists and also moved into tenth place with 106 block assists. In addition, **Bekelja** places fifth all-time with 114 aces.

Ashlee Freeman

Danielle Bochat

Juniors **Ashlee Freeman** and **Danielle Bochat** also found their way to the top of the charts. **Freeman** is the all-time total blocks (273) and block assists (236) leader, and sits fourth with 913 kills. **Bochat's** 3,506 total attempts set a new benchmark for the program and is now third in kills (980) and digs (1,026).

Cross Country Runs the Region

The Centenary men's and women's cross country teams continued their year-to-year improvements by defeating several regional foes. The Ladies enjoyed wins over Louisiana Tech, McNeese State, and Northwestern State while the Gents knocked off NSU, Louisiana-Lafayette, and Louisiana-Monroe. One of the brighter points of the season came at the Centenary Invitational, hosted by the Ladies and Gents. Both teams took second place in the event, but sophomore **Adam Nerio** took home first place individually in the men's competition with a time of 26:20 in the 4.9-mile race.

Adam Nerio

Natalie Holcomb

On the Ladies' side, freshman **Natalie Holcomb** proved a welcome addition to the roster. She nabbed the women's top finish of the season with a fourth place individual effort, finishing the 2.85-mile Centenary Invitational in 19:04.

Gents Soccer Wins All-Conference Awards

Needing just one win to make the Summit League Tournament, the Centenary men's soccer team missed its chances late in the season, finishing 3-12-0 and 2-4-0 in conference play.

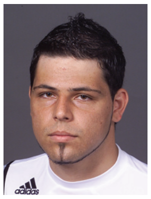
Aaron Volanski

The Gents were led by first team all-conference honoree **Aaron Volanski**, who scored a league-high nine goals. Earning Summit League All-Newcomer honors were freshmen **Josh Gomillion** and **Keegan Walhood**.

Josh Gomillion

Keegan Walhood

In 2007, **Volanski** had his first career hat trick against IUPUI, and against Oral Roberts he gave his first assist of the season as Centenary held on for a 1-0 victory. **Volanski** was named conference Player of the Week and Player of the Month for August and September. **Mo Assi** also picked up Defensive Player of the Week after netting the goal against Oral Roberts.


Mo Assi

Ladies Soccer Start Strong, Earn Player Honors

Brittany O'Neal

Stefani Robbs

Candace Rushing

After starting 2007 with three wins in its first five matches, the Centenary women's soccer team became riddled with injuries and the young Ladies could not bounce back, ending the season 5-12-2 and 0-6-2 in the Summit League. Centenary's top two offensive threats were sophomores **Brittany O'Neal** and **Stefani Robbs**, while freshmen **Candace Rushing**, **Emily McManus** and **Catie Depew** all played a significant number of minutes.

Emily McManus

O'Neal and **Robbs** combined to score 10 goals and give three assists, while **Depew** also tallied a goal. Goalkeeper **Ali Hilsher** anchored the defense with three shutouts and 90 saves, while allowing just over a goal and a half per match.

Ali Hilsher

O'Neal was named Louisiana Sports Writers Association Offensive Player of the Week, after scoring two goals and giving two assists in a win over Nicholls State. **Hilsher** was named Summit League Defensive Player of the Week after scoring two shutouts over Grambling and Texas State.

After the season, **Hilsher** was named LSWA honorable mention, while **Depew** picked up Summit League All-Newcomer honors.

Visit the athletics website at www.gocentenary.com for more information on upcoming sports or statistics.

Lights, Camera, Action!

"Centenary Experience" focuses on new commercials

For two days in November, students and faculty tried out their acting skills as a production crew shot a series of 30-second commercials on campus. You can see the commercials next on Fox during regional broadcasts of *American Idol* this season.

“I love giving back to the school in any way possible since the school has given me a great scholarship and tons of leadership opportunities.”

– Saul Castaneda ’09

Focusing on the “Centenary Experience” our new commercials followed two students throughout their normal day to highlight campus life and academics on this northwest Louisiana college campus. Taking part were juniors Saul Castaneda and Dione Wrenn.

“The entire experience with the commercial was new for me,” said Wrenn, a political science major. “I’d never done anything like that before. The director, producer, and crew were really nice, helpful, and made things very comfortable and fun for me. I am honored that I was chosen to do the commercial and truly hope that it inspires others as much as the entire experience inspired me.”

The 10-man production crew from Mangan Holcomb Partners arrived from Little Rock, Ark., and immediately transformed our campus into something reminiscent of a back-lot movie studio. Lights, reflectors, camera dolly, sound equipment, and widescreen monitor were carefully positioned before each video shot. Even a professional hair and makeup specialist was on hand to make sure the “talent” looked perfect on-camera.

Castaneda, a health and exercise science major, felt right at home in front of the camera, having played bit parts in motion pictures filmed in and around the area. “It was a great experience,” he said. “The production company was very open and willing to let us know what they were going do next, even explaining the technical stuff.”

Wanting to give back to the school that has offered so many opportunities to him, Castaneda jumped at the chance to represent the student body. “I love giving back to the school in any way possible since the school has given me a great scholarship and tons of leadership opportunities,” he said. “Some people think that I was acting a lot, but most of the time I was having real conversations with the people you see me sitting with in the commercial. That’s the thing about Centenary, even if you don’t know everyone you can at least recognize them and that’s the great thing about this campus.”

Even the production crew was impressed with the College and what it has to offer to the surrounding community. “Everyone our crew encountered certainly represented Centenary in a very positive light,” said Chip Culpepper, Principal/ Creative Director at Mangan Holcomb Partners. “Your campus is a gem. To all the students who participated, and to the faculty, staff, and administration who allowed all the disruptions and endured the distractions: thank you.”

After spending 10 hours each day setting up locations, moving equipment and filming scenes, the crew took hours of video back to the editing room and created each 30-second commercial.

But what was the hardest thing about shooting the commercial? According to Castaneda it was his scene on the climbing wall. “That last reach on the rock wall was no acting at all,” he added. “I think it was about the second time I climbed up, and I was really tired. The last grip was just out of reach to where I had to jump!”

The first commercials aired during the Centenary-Texas Tech basketball game at the end of November followed by a national airing on ESPN during the Independence Bowl in December. It has since aired locally during American Idol on Fox television, during the SEC basketball games on Fox, and across the cable stations including HG Television, TNT, Speed Network, ESPN, CNN and Fox News Channel.

Forward… Forward… HOMECOMING

Dr. David Thomas and Dian Tooke took home the highest honors of the day. Dr. Thomas, Professor of Mathematics, received this year's Outstanding Teacher award, honored by students and colleagues for his excellence both in and out of the classroom. Dian Tooke, who retires this year as Director of Service Learning, received the President's Excellence Award for her generous commitment to our campus community and beyond.

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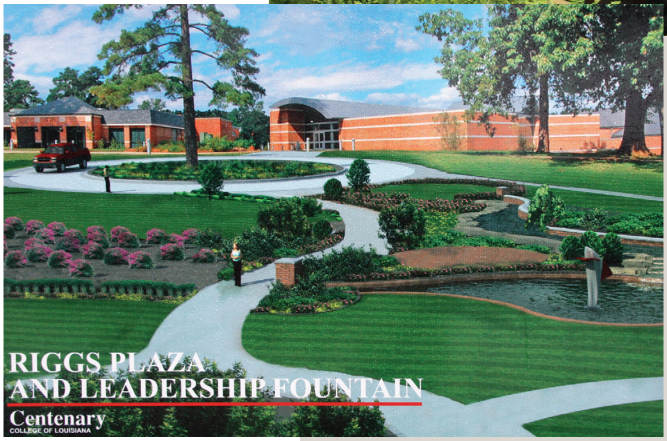
PRESENTS
Dr. David E. Thomas
WITH THE
OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD
2007-2008
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING TEACHING, PARTICIPATION, LEADERSHIP, SUPPORT AND SERVICE TO CENTENARY COLLEGE AND ITS STUDENTS

Morning Call & Groundbreaking


RIGGS PLAZA AND LEADERSHIP FOUNTAIN
Centenary
COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA

Breaking ground for the new Riggs Memorial Plaza and Leadership Fountain to be constructed in the quadrangle behind Hamilton Hall were shovel-bearers Kenneth L. Schwab, president of Centenary College; Mike Alost of Slack Alost Architecture; Parker Jarnigan, Vice President of Internal Affairs for the Student Government Association; William G. Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Jane James, donor to the original Leadership Fountain project; Harry McInnis of McInnis Construction; and Brittany Anderson, member of the 2001 leadership class.

Founders' Day Convocation

At this year's Founders' Day Convocation, Dr. Lee Morgan (above), professor emeritus and College historian, gave the main address while Lo Walker (right), Mayor of Bossier City, and Dr. Donald Webb (left), president emeritus of the College, read proclamations declaring Centenary Day in Shreveport-Bossier and in the state of Louisiana.

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Alumni Award Recipients

President Kenneth L. Schwab H’08, pictured above with Hoyt Bain ’63 and Wishy Nolan ’54, the current and upcoming presidents of Centenary's National Alumni Association, became an Honorary Alumnus at this year’s Alumni Awards Dinner.

Right: Lara Moffat ’95 received this year’s Young Alumni Leadership Award from Hoyt Bain ’63.

Above: Tom ’51 and Jane ’51 Ellis received this year’s Alumni Loyalty Award from Hoyt Bain ’63 and President Kenneth L. Schwab H’08.

Left: Austin G. Robertson, Jr. ’89, member of the Centenary Board of Trustees, was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame by President Kenneth L. Schwab H’08.

Quinq Club & 1958 Reunion

Gentlemanly Speaking
1958 - 1959
1908 - 1958
50 YEARS IN SHREVEPORT

Front Row:
Marie Rinaudo ’58
Jerry Malone ’58
Janice Jeter ’58 Luck
Trustee George Schurman ’57, MSG ’90
Master of Ceremonies Charlie Wilder ’58

Second Row:
Diana Lowe ’58 Ely
Martha Turner ’58 Peal
Rupert Pickett, Jr. ’58
Bill Dupré ’58
Ophelia Ann Carroll ’58
Larry Robertson ’58
Gail Thornton ’58 Segers

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HOMECOMING

Century in the

Above: Current Centenary students enjoyed the Homecoming bonfire after the Student Gumbo Cookoff.

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Top right: Centenary students, staff, and faculty rode floats in the annual Homecoming parade.
Right: Homecoming King Amos Sit ’09 and Queen Emily Waggenspack ’08.

Above: TKE actives took on alumni at the highly anticipated annual football competition on Jones-Rice Field the morning of Homecoming. The alums won. . . again!

Below: Alumni enjoyed the gumbo cook-off before the Homecoming bonfire.

Gents
CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA

Left:
The costumed mascot cheered on the Ladies and Gents at the Homecoming basketball games.

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Right: The new mascot costume was introduced at halftime during the Gents Homecoming basketball game. Standing with him are Shelly Ragle, Director of Shreveport Parks and Recreation; President Kenneth L. Schwab H'08; Cedric Glover, Mayor of Shreveport; and Tom Tallach, Centenary Athletics Director.

Below:
Dr. Nancy M. Carruth posed with student scholarship recipients at Legacy Luncheon.

Iota Gamma Chapter of Chi Omega celebrated its 80th Anniversary during Homecoming 2008.

Under the direction of Dr. Julia Thorn, Camerata celebrated its 25th Anniversary at receptions and a reunion concert with alumni and student performers.

Where are they now and what are they up to?

Class Notes

Alumni notes from April 1, 2007
through Nov. 30, 2007

**Editor's Note:
The Centenary Alumni Association seeks news of Centenary alumni. Please send news and information to**

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Hosts Ami '95 and Keith '96 Considine visit with Sam DeFatta '55 (center) at the Houston Alumni Chapter 3rd Annual Alumni Crawfish Boil held on April 21, 2007.

Anna Neal Alexander '96 with Sam DeFatta '55 at the Houston Alumni Crawfish Boil last April.

1937

Robert Decker, Hurst, Texas, was stationed at Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, for nine years where he arranged two inaugural parades for President Eisenhower and numerous other parades for retiring generals, heads of state, and foreign dignitaries. He was in charge of the parade that moved the original Declaration of Independence and Constitution from the Library of Congress to the Archives' permanent location for them; he also arranged funeral parades for numerous people buried at Arlington Cemetery. An active member of the Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Ft. Worth, he just received his 65-year pin from the Masonic Chapter in which he remains active. According to his wife, who submitted this class note, "He is more handsome than ever and his wife is not prejudiced."

1941

Bill Steger, San Diego, is retired from the Treasury Department and a retired Air Force colonel with 30 years active service. He now lives in a retirement home in San Diego.

1944

Pete Spitzkeit, Jackson, Miss., is a retired reverend of the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Virginia, have three children.

1950

Thomas Camp, Sewanee, Tenn., is a retired librarian of the School of Theology and associate university librarian for the University of the South. He lives in Sewanee with his wife, Elizabeth.

1951

David Childers, Houston, is a retired physician (LSU '55) who was in the U.S. Navy for 22 years. He has been married 51 years and has five children and 12 grandchildren.

1953

Harold LaGrone, West Monroe, La., is now retired. He and his wife, **Marjory LaGrone '55**, have three children: John, Daniel, and Mark.

Bill Robinson, Atlanta, has been retired since 1991, after working for 42 years. He enjoys traveling with his wife, children and six grandchildren.

1954

Noel Tipton, Eastham, Mass., celebrated on August 5 when the Cape Rep Theatre in Brewsted, Mass., gave a staged reading of his "Amherst Sabbath," a dramatic tableau with music. It received high praise from Emily Dickinson scholars Polly Longsworth and Daniel Lombardo, who said, "This is the freshest, most innovative look into the Dickinson world I have seen in a very long time."

1955

Mazie Rice Gillen, Shreveport, La., is a retired science teacher from Caddo Middle Magnet. She was part of the Teacher Assessment Program of Louisiana from 1996-1998, serves on the National Board of the Centenary Alumni Association, and is a part of the Women's Endowment Quorum. She has two grandchildren enrolled at Centenary (**Gif Gillen '08** and **Shelby Gillen '11**), loves to travel and continues to sing with the chancel choir at Noel United Methodist Church.

Tom Wallis, Santa Cruz, Calif., is retired and working on a Spanish-English technical dictionary.

1956

Louis Blankenbaker, Lake Charles, La., is a minister in the United Methodist Church.

Wanda Allen Dobie, Kerrville, Texas, is now retired from working in education. She and her husband, **James Dobie '56**, have two children: Gregory Dobie and Laura Walker.

Odell Roshton, Montgomery, La., would like everyone to know she is very much alive since she was apparently listed as deceased in a previous Centenary newsletter. After two marriages and three sons, she has retired to her parents' farmland on Nantanchie Lake, near Montgomery. "Being a true redneck, directions to my home say 'turn off paved Hwy. 71 onto a 1/2 mile dirt/mud road with many potholes to my home'," she said. "My oldest son, Larry, is living here also. We have seven dogs, two cats, and an aquarium with three crawfish, one snapping turtle, several 1- to 2-in. small fish, and a couple of tiny catfish. We raise giant bamboo and even sell some once in a while. Besides the lake, I have two fishing ponds at the front door. The lower pond houses beavers and one alligator." She plans on using her next 20 years learning e-Bay on her crazy computer!

1957

Patsy King Barber, Lecompte, La., was named the first recipient of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Louisiana

Athena Award for her dedicated service and commitment to the AAUW.

Clyde Bowers, Wake Village, Texas, is now officially retired from the fire department and police force. A licensed Baptist minister doing supply chaplain and a chaplain with Marketplace Ministries, he is assigned to Texas Bank & Trust in Texarkana, Texas. He and his wife, Pegg, have two grandchildren: a five-year-old girl and a 17-month-old boy.

Elsa Emmerich Jamison, Cypress, Texas, is doing a tiny bit of AutoCAD for her husband, like remembering the commands for different instructions to the computer. She is also enjoying the company of their three sons: Andrew C. "Chris" Jamison, who is now working toward a doctorate in chemistry at the University of Houston; Dennis O'Briant Jamison, a second-grade teacher in Cleveland, Texas, and father of four; and **Lee Emmerich Jamison '79**, an artist, Centenary grad (as is his wife, **Melinda Jamison '78**), and father of four who has a studio in Huntsville, Texas. Elsa reflects on her time at Centenary when she "once made an A for getting all six arrows in the bull's eye, to the horror of the teacher. She made up for it by giving me a 'D' the next semester. My father had given me a bow and arrows at age 10. The teacher had promised an 'A' to the first to get all the arrows in the bull's eye. I did first try. I am a klutz in all other sports!"

Barbara Jean Meades, Zachary, La., is retired from Louisiana State University and has recently moved from Baton Rouge to Zachary.

George Schurman, Plano, Texas, is the president of Schurman Oil & Gas.

1958

Ray Holt, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has been retired since 1996 as an elder in the Louisiana Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. He is active in Church of the Savior United Methodist Church in Cleveland Heights as well as the Western Reserve Emmaus Community and the Kairos Prison Ministry. He preaches when asked, does genealogical research, and is trying to learn to program in Visual Basic just for fun. Mostly he is just enjoying being a grandfather to Catherine, Carolyn, Drew and Michael. "Life is good and fun!"

1959

Charles Wilder, Jackson, N.J., is a CPA for AICPA, NJSCAP.

1960

Dug Duggan, Charlottesville, Va., is retiring from the University of Virginia where he has been a professor for 40 years. He will now spend all of his time on research for the Piers Plowman Archive.

1961

Alwynelle Self Ahl, Lyles, Tenn., retired from full-time employment. She now works as a consultant in risk analysis and volunteers as a veterinarian for several humane societies.

Janet Gholson Stevenson, Port Townsend, Wash., and husband, Robert, have "retired" to Port Townsend and live on the Admiralty Inlet where they watch "all of you alums who sail the Inland Passage to Alaska" float by their window. Janet still does part-time decorative painting in homes and on furniture because it's still a lot of fun. She says, "All of you are welcome to spend the night and enjoy their lovely Victorian village."

Donald Tyler, Gallatin, Tenn., had his second and third books published in 2007. McFarland and Company published *Hit Songs 1900-1955: American Popular Music of the Pre-Rock Era*, a reference work primarily aimed for the library market, in July; Greenwood Press published his *Music of the Post-War Era: A Reference Guide* in November. (His first book, *Hit Parade*, was an encyclopedia of the top songs of the Jazz, Depression, Swing, and Sing Eras, published by Wm. Morrow & Company's Quill division in 1985.) Don is a retired music professor from Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Fla. He and his wife, Doris, now live in Gallatin, to be near their children and grandchildren. He was in the Centenary College Choir with **Will Andress '61**.

Dave White, Shreveport, La., has been a dentist since 1971. He was also a naval aviator from 1962-1967 and was in two combat cruises to Vietnam. He plans to continue his dental practice and teach Sunday School at Pierremont Nursing Home in Bossier City.

1964

John Frazer, Concord, Calif., works for Fresenius Medical Care in Walnut Creek, Calif., as a research scientist. He and his wife, Anne, have one son, Thomas.

Melanie Martin Heacock, Owings Mills, Md., does volunteer work for several organizations. She has also taken up painting in the past few years, and the Masters of Foxhounds Association of North America selected one of her paintings for their 2007 Centennial Traveling Art Exhibition.

Tom Head, Washington, D.C., is self-employed as a food and travel writer.

Meryal Campbell Smith, Huntsville, Ala., a chemistry teacher, has worked 31 years at Huntsville High and nine years at Randolph School, both in Huntsville.

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Seniors make the best out of a rainy situation at the Class of 2007 cookout.

Brittany Pike and Jessie Angus at the Senior Champagne Toast on May 3, 2007.

Thurston Allen, Elliott Fell and Aaron Yohn show off their piggy banks given to them by the Alumni Association for their gifts to the college at the Senior Welcome Party in May 2007.

Graduating seniors pose for a photo before the 2007 Commencement Ceremonies.

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Wishy Nolan '54 at the Shreveport-Bossier Chapter 1st Annual Crawfish Bowl held at the home of Andrew '92 and Kim '95 Meeder on June 2, 2007.

Johnny and Katie Barkley Loomis '05 at the Shreveport-Bossier Crawfish Bowl held in June 2007.

Anne Gibbes Solomon, Broken Arrow, Okla., has one daughter: Rachel Munde, 29.

1965

Tommy Sleamaker, Louisville, Ky., is an associate dental professor at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. He has two daughters, Meredith Ann Sleamaker and Erika Leigh Taylor, and one grandson, William "Will" David Taylor.

Sharon Wilson Winslow, Leander, Texas, has been employed at different churches in the North Texas and Central Texas Conferences for 30 years. She and her husband, Fred, are both pastors and started a new church, Good News United Methodist Church, in Cedar Park, Texas, five years ago. They retired at the end of October 2007 but plan to stay in the Austin area.

1966

Bonita Carter Davis, Midland, Mich., moved to Midland to be close to her grandchildren, Will and Alex, twin sons of her daughter, **Wendy Davis Kanar '95**, and her husband, Norm.

Linda Hickman McCarthy, Houston, and her husband, **Michael McCarthy '70**, have four children: Patricia, 40; Christine, 38; Erin, 32; and Michael, 30.

1967

Janie Wroten Deterly, Arlington, Texas, has taught high school English and reading for 21 years, and has earned a master's degree in educational administration and supervision. She left the classroom in 1999 to work with the district language arts curriculum department. She worked two years as a language arts instructional specialist, three years as K-12 language arts coordinator, and two years as secondary reading coordinator and AP/gifted coordinator. Jane has sung in the First United Methodist Church choir for more than 30 years, serves as a volunteer usher at the Fort Worth Bass Concert Hall, teaches as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Texas at Arlington, and plays both bridge and golf. She and her husband, David, have been married 38 years. They have lived in Arlington 32 years but love to travel and do so whenever they can. In June, their first grandchild was born. His name is David Bennett Ruggeri, the light of their lives, their blonde Italian.

Gene Hay, Lake Charles, La., is enjoying the good life. He owns his own group travel company, Fantasy Tours.

Mary Sorrows Hughes, Shreveport, La., is a freelance artist working at a studio location. She is also active in music, playing the flute, and singing in her church. She enjoys gardening, exercising, reading, etc. She is also interested in ecology and leaving a smaller footprint in our planet.

Allan Jones, Duluth, Ga., is an adjunct instructor of history at Georgia Perimeter College.

Ben Land, Shreveport, La., and his wife, **Julia Land '68**, have three children: Clint, Shannon, and Kendal.

Matt Lowe, Nacogdoches, Texas, is an associate professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Regional Maternal Child Health Program (RCHMP) and Telemedicine and Direct Patient Care. He enjoys scuba diving and underwater digital photography.

Johncy Mundo, Austin, Texas, is now a lawyer handling some private family law cases. She is also taking court appointments for cases involving Child Protective Services. She enjoys working in both areas.

Susan Sigler Templeton, Houston, is employed with the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Hospital.

Richard Voran, Pelham, Ala., has been a member of the Birmingham Concert Chorale (official chorus of the Alabama Symphony) for 13 years. He is a past president of the Board of the Birmingham Concert Chorale and part of the Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church chancel choir. He and his wife, **Margaret '67**, reside in Pelham.

1968

Barbara Buckner Higginbotham, New York, is the chief librarian and executive director of academic information technologies at Brooklyn College, City University of New York.

Eugene McKenzie, Albuquerque, N.M., is a 31-year Army veteran, retired colonel, and presently working for Northrop Grumman.

Richard Schmidt, Alpharetta, Ga., is the vice president of eastern sales for the GATX Corporation. He and his wife, Jeannie, have two children: Lauren, 19; and Stephen, 17.

Richard Walton, Oregon City, Ore., works for Xerox Corporation as a service training course developer. His primary hobbies are collecting and restoring antique radios, and playing string bass with various groups. He and his wife, Elizabeth, attend First United Methodist in Portland and both sing in the chancel choir. They have three children: Vanessa, 26; Margaret, 23; and Sam, 20.

1969

George Clark, Randolph, N.J., is the president of G.A.R.D. Management. He has two children: Adam and Ryan.

1970

Jane Bostick Bearden, Biloxi, Miss., is the associate rector at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.

Jacquelynn Hironimus Caldwell, Henderson, Texas, is retired, writing some of the stories she has told for years, and doing volunteer work for the Chamber of Commerce, the AARP, and church.

Marsha Shuler, Baton Rouge, La., was recently elected president of the National Federation of Press Women. She will serve a two-year term as head of the 70-year-old organization.

Lelia Vaughan, Jonesville, Texas, is the owner/manager of Big Bluff Land Management.

Nancy Boone Word, Austin, Texas, is a retired executive from Computer Sciences Corporation who also served on the Board of Directors of The Container Store from 2000 to 2007. She is a founding Board member of Impact Austin, a new Austin non-profit that has given over $1,000,000 to the Austin community since its inception in 2003. She is currently on the Centenary Board of Trustees. She and her husband, **Brown Word '71**, have been living in Austin since 1992. They are enjoying their first grandchild, Cameron Sarah Word, who arrived on August 28, 2007.

1971

Bill Bush, Shreveport, La., is a self-employed musician.

Douglas Cain, Shreveport, La., is a district superintendent for The United Methodist Church.

Bob Eagle, Louisville, Ky., is self-employed as a certified public accountant.

Paula Geisler, Sapello, N.M., an independent television producer, has just finished documenting one of Silver City's oldest and most energy-efficient (green) vernacular domestic structures in "Small Green Domicile: The Historic John P. Risque House of Silver City," a 30-minute video funded by the New Mexico Historic Preservation Division and available on DVD free of charge to community-access television stations nationwide.

Craigin Shelton, Alexandria, Va., is lead INFOSEC engineer for the MITRE Corporation. He is married to **Kay Shelton '72**, father of **Kathryn Shelton Welch '01**, a hang glider pilot, former Boy Scouts of America scoutmaster, and has lived in five states (Texas, Colorado, Virginia, Mississippi, Kansas) since graduation.

Brown Word, Austin, Texas, spent 26 years in the Navy flying the P-3 Orion aircraft, one year as a structural engineer, and four years in high tech manufacturing in Austin, Texas. He and his wife, **Nancy Boone Word '70**, are now retired, living in Austin and enjoy nothing more than traveling with their Centenary family.

1972

Lee Ellen Pappas Benjamin, San Antonio, is a customer care representative for Southeast Staging and Rigging Company in Greer, S.C.

Camille Young Bryan, Houston, and her husband, **Francis Bryan '71**, own Locke Bryan Productions. They have two children, Frank and Sydney Claire.

Tim Farrell, Little Rock, Ark., is the director for BancorpSouth Insurance Services. He and his wife, **Peggy Ramsey Farrell '72**, have two grown children, Lucy and Tim Jr.

Edna Hanvey Harrison, Dallas, is an administrator for Harrison & Hull, LLP, in McKinney.

John Marcus, Metairie, La., and his wife, Deborah, have two daughters: Rachel, 22; and Rebecca, 20.

Theresa McConnell, Shreveport, La., is a clinical social worker as well as clergywoman and has been pastor at Keithville United Methodist Church for the past four years. She enjoys photography, tennis, and music.

Pat Jack Morgan, Plano, Texas, works for RE/MAX Town and Country. "It seems like forever ago I was a Zeta and lived in Sexton dorm," she said. "I was from Shreveport but have lived in the Dallas area since 1973." She likes to fish, crew for a balloon team, and volunteer with the Plano Citizen's Police Alumni group. Her children and grandchildren are her most treasured relationships (apart from her toothless, blind, old dog, Tazz). She just finished the seven-year study with Bible Study Fellowship and would love to talk to other people who have been in BSF. "If you want a house in the Dallas area, then I'm the one to help you find that house," she added. "I've been with RE/MAX Town and Country since 2000. I'm a top producer in my office and belong to the 100% Club. It's all due to Centenary!"

1973

Jeffrey Daiell, Houston, presented a talk about individual choice in health matters last July. He also addressed two classes at Wharton County Junior College in September. The first class heard a presentation on libertarian political theory while the second heard about election reform. He writes, "I would like to hear from anyone I knew during my Centenary days!"

Patricia Thomas Evans, Fairfax, Va., was recently appointed client service director during the

Barry Milligan MBA '03 and Aljay Foreman '96 at the Alumni Board Reception held on July 26, 2007.

Susan McNeeley '07, Maegan Davis '07, and Elizabeth Wilson '07 at the Shreveport-Bossier "Final Friday" Networking Mixer on July 27, 2007.

Carrie Faulk '06 and Stuart Ponder '03 pictured at the Shreveport-Bossier "Final Friday" Networking Mixer held in July 2007.

Jill Montgomery '94 and Angie White '93 (holding Jill's daughter) at the Shreveport-Bossier "Final Friday" Networking Mixer held in July 2007.

Mary and Jack Mulkey '61 and President Schwab at the Central Arkansas Alumni Reception held on July 31, 2007.

Alumni in Central Arkansas gather for a reception at a local art gallery held on July 31, 2007.

government services practice expansion of Resources Global Professionals, a leading multi-national provider of professional services and the operating subsidiary of Resources Connection. An article about her was recently featured on CNN.com.

Sylvia Miles Guerin, Meriden, Conn., is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Meriden and is a professional genealogist. Sylvia and her husband, **Wilfred Guerin '74**, have one son, Will.

Karen Anderson Hicks, Savannah, Ga., is currently a credit counselor for Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

Chris Middleton, Shreveport, La., is land manager for Winchester Production Company where he oversees over 100,000 acres leased primarily for exploring and producing natural gas as well as the personnel who support those activities. He is married to the former Jeanie McGowen and has three children: **Kristen Middleton Blancher '05** and her husband, **Adam Blancher '02**; **Brian Middleton '07**; and **Erin Middleton '08**. He is also one of three generations of Centenary Choir members: his mother, **Harriett Crawford Middleton '43**, sang in the Choir from around 1940 to 1943; he sang from 1969 to 1973; and his daughter, Kristen, sang in the Choir from 2000-2003.

Wes Putnam, Bedford, Texas, has been a United Methodist general evangelist since 1981. A singer, songwriter, storyteller, and children's minister, he maintains www.wesleyputnam.org.

Janet Sammons, Lilburn, Ga., is the director of Bank Tax Service.

1974

Mary Elizabeth Hibbard Greenwaldt, Longview, Texas, has been director of the School for Little Children (a preschool, kindergarten, and infant care ministry of First United Methodist Church in Longview) for 14 years. She and her husband, William, have three children: Preston Greenwaldt, Lauren Moses, and Mary Ellen Greenwaldt.

Cherry Payne, Gustavus, Alaska, is the superintendent of Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve. Her previous parks include Everglades/Dry Tortugas National Parks, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, the Santa Fe and Trail of Tears National Historic Trails, Yosemite, Grand Teton, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park, and National Capital Parks (Washington Monument, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials).

Rick Sinclair, Metairie, La., is the backfield coach for Arcor Epoxy Coatings, Inc., which manufactures high-end protective coatings for industrial markets worldwide.

1975

Rusty Bethley, Alexandria, La., is the owner of the The Players Edge Pro Shop. He has two daughters: Heather, 21; and Jamie, 17. His wife, **Ramonalynn Walker Bethley '85**, is district superintendent in Alexandria for The United Methodist Church.

Becky Runnels Briscoe, Lafayette, La., and her husband, Steve, have five children: Sarah, 30; Leah, 28; Joshua, 26; Hannah, 12; and Jonathan, 12.

Jeff Hendricks, Shreveport, La., is a professor of English at Centenary where he specializes in American literature and film studies. Some of his books include *Edwin Rolfe: Collected Poems*, co-edited with Cary Nelson (University of Illinois Press, 1993), and *Madrid 1937: Letters of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade from the Spanish Civil War*, co-edited with Cary Nelson (Routledge, 1996).

Cynthia Lewis, Cincinnati, is senior manager of market research at Ethicon Endo-Surgery, a Johnson & Johnson Company. She is the voice of the customer/subject matter expert assigned to consult with and coach medical product marketing directors and design engineers to gain robust customer input in designing and qualifying new products. She also gathers domestic and international (Europe, Japan, China, India, Brazil) information through primary research.

Jan Putnam, Tulsa, Okla., was at Centenary in 1972, took five years off before going back to school, and graduated with a 3.45 GPA from the University of Texas at Dallas in 1979. He earned a Master of Divinity in 1983 and is now pastor at South Sand Springs Church of God in Tulsa. He and his wife, Denise, have two children: Jared and Jessica.

Leta Bobo Scherer, Austin, Texas, retired in May 2006 after a 29-year elementary teaching career in Texas. She recently relocated and looks forward to volunteering and exploring Austin after she gets settled in her new home. She enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

Vickie Moore Young, Shreveport, La., is busy volunteering with Noel Neighborhood Ministries, the United Methodist Women at Noel United Methodist Church, and the PTSA at Caddo Magnet High School. She is a Sunday School teacher for elementary children and also works part-time at Stein Mart.

1976

Jerome Bowen, Tucson, Ariz., is the associate regional director at ACSI and an educational consultant. He is also a past elementary and middle school teacher and administrator.

Glenna Clark Fallin, Baton Rouge, La., is contracts manager for Louisiana Family Recovery Corps.

Randall Walker, New Orleans, works with industrial real estate in brokerage and leasing as principal broker with the Industrial Group. He earned the SIOR designation of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) in 1982 and has served in numerous positions within this organization. He is a past president of the SIOR educational foundation and is now president-elect of SIOR, the leading professional commercial and industrial real estate association. With more than 3,100 members in 480 cities in 20 countries, SIOR represents today's most knowledgeable, experienced, and successful commercial real estate brokerage specialists.

1977

Kelley McLean Bennett, Houston, has been married to Ned Bennett since 1980. They have two children, Kim and Amanda.

Hans Cooper, Yardley, Penn., and his wife, Marypat, have one daughter, Hannah Morgan.

Lee McKinzie, Baton Rouge, La., left St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston after 17 years and moved to Baton Rouge to serve as minister of discipleship at Broadmoor United Methodist Church.

Janine Shaw, Houston, writes with sad news from her best Centenary friend, **Sally Hunter '78**, and **Mark Keddal '78** who lost their only child, Owen, on December 24, 2006. Sally would like to share this information with the Centenary community, as she and Mark had so many good friends there who might be a comfort to them in this difficult time. Friends can contact Sally and Mark at 219 E. College St. Seguin, TX, 78155, or can contact Janine at dandrite@aol.com for more information.

1978

Ron Dauphin, Elyria, Ohio, is pastor of Olmsted Community Church in Olmsted Falls, Ohio.

Catherine Lensing Harper, Dallas, is a historical library representative for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. She and her husband, **Paul Harper '79**, have two children: Emma, 17; and Charles, 11.

Dean Perry, Kissimmee, Fla., is vice president of Colonial Bank.

Susan Whipple Rogers, Shreveport, La., is employed with the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra.

1979

Mary Adler, Bethesda, Md., is president of The Original Georgetown Bagelry, and has six children: Lucien, Lauren, Badger, Emily, Retha, and Maddie.

Paul Brubaker, Yorba Linda, Calif., is vice president of human resources at Pioneer Electronics, North America.

P.G. Griffith, Nashville, is a freelance musician and writer.

Jane Daugherty Karker, South Thomaston, Maine, is the founder and owner of Custom Museum Publishing, an art and history specialty graphic design and publishing company with offices in Rockland and Portland, Maine, as well as Manhattan. She has lived in Maine for more than 25 years with Lee Karker, an Episcopal priest. They have two children in college: Danny at Hampshire College and Leah at Wesleyan University. She spends her time running the business in both Maine and Manhattan and spends weekends at their camp in the north woods of Maine. She recently visited Bert Scott at a Dykes Foundation event in San Antonio where she spent time catching up with **Steve Kelly '80** and David Dykes.

Martha Rose Kelley, Dallas, is a transmission technician for the Dallas County Community College District.

Brent Lutz, Bossier City, La., is a senior vice president for BancorpSouth as well as a Texas/Louisiana loan administrator. His previous wife, Deanna, died in August 2006 after two years of fighting endometrial cancer. He remarried on July 22, 2007, to Mary Johnson Futch, an art teacher at Southfield School. The wedding day was Mary's birthday and his 50th birthday too.

Ron Myers, San Antonio, is senior pastor at Colonial Hills United Methodist Church in San Antonio (www.chumc.org) after a nine-year stint in Austin. He and his wife, Linda Jean, also a United Methodist pastor, have two daughters: Rachel, 16; and Rebekah, 10.

Lucie Thornton, Mandeville, La., is an attorney with Burglass & Tankersley, LLC, handling medical malpractice and insurance defense cases. She is also a member of the editorial board of the Louisiana State Bar Association journal.

Jane Jenkins White, Kingwood, W. Va., is a grants management specialist for Preston County Senior Citizens and is living the simple life in the hills of West Virginia.

Robert Smith, Libby Andress '83 and Scott Green '84 at the Choir Alumni Happy Hour on August 10, 2007.

Debbie Mulvenna '81 and Jonathan Ferrell '05 at the Choir Alumni Happy Hour held in August 2007.

Will '61, Julia '61, Knox '81, and Libby '83 Andress at the Centenary College Choir Star Unveiling in Shreveport on August 11, 2007.

Bonnie Watkins '57, Jackie Ott Dobie '60, Mitzi Perry '55, and Will Pringle '59 at the Retirement Party for Will Andress held August 11, 2007.

Choir Alumni singing "Tenebre Face' Sunt" – directed by retiring choir director, Will Andress '61.

Chelsea Fine '93, Stacey Pylkas Klein '91, and Susanna Miller '03 at the Atlanta Chapter Summer Gathering held on September 16, 2007.

Van Wilson, Tacoma, Wash., is still teaching English, only now in Sumner, Wash., with a view of Mt. Rainier.

1980

Doug Garner, Arlington, Texas, and his wife sold their business in Hot Springs and moved to Arlington where he is working on a second master's degree and coaching the wheelchair basketball team. It is one of the top teams in the country (seven national championships), so he has his hands full. He also works with the national team staff for both the men's and women's paralympic wheelchair basketball teams, so he gets to do some traveling! Right now, he is working on a research project on the benefits of sport participation for youth with physical disabilities. He wants to take the results to state and national education departments and try to "encourage" their cooperation so more schools will offer adapted sport programming across the country.

Laurie Shelton Herring, Purvis, Miss., is prayer ministry and serving initiative coordinator for The United Methodist Hour. She and her husband, Brian, have two children: Olivia, 13; and Jacob, 10.

Steve Kelly, Arcadia, La., graduated in August from the University of Louisiana at Monroe with a master's in counseling, specializing in substance abuse and post-traumatic stress. He will continue with his part-time appointment at First United Methodist Church in Arcadia and Mt. Mariah, and began work with Samaritan Counseling Center in Shreveport in September.

Brian Kennedy, New York, is a graduate student.

David Sherman, Clermont, Fla., is in merchandising for Walt Disney World and owns "All That Drops Will Fly," with an inventory of rental backdrops for stage, film, television and special events at www.allthatdropswillfly.com.

1981

Susan Prince Bruster, Fort Worth, Texas, is academic coordinator at William James Middle School in the Fort Worth Independent School District.

Tim Bruster, Fort Worth, Texas, is the senior pastor at First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth.

Marty Fulmer Ducote, Baton Rouge, La., is a self-employed (from the Latin "solo employum" meaning "broke") computer trainer, specializing in one-on-one training for small businesses and non-profits. She is the mom of a teenager (Elizabeth) who's old enough to be in all sorts of activities but not old enough to drive. She is a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church (along with fellow alum **Lenora Sullivan '91**) and involved in the Women's Hospital NICU Parent Advisory Council.

Cindy Gleason Johnson, Shreveport, La., is an account executive for KMSS Fox 33 and currently enrolled in Centenary's MBA program.

Elsa Kapitan-White, Spring, Texas, works part-time for Schlumberger Oilfield Services as a technical editor. She and her husband, Eric, have two children: Joel, 9; and Dana, 7.

Vicki Rainbolt Klara, Lafayette, La., and her husband, Jacob, have two daughters: Caroline, 18; and Catherine, 12.

Brian O'Neil, Bechtelsville, Pa., is a senior contract and business development manager for Air Products and Chemicals.

Su Voigtlander, Dallas, works for Texas Instruments and has a 15-year-old daughter.

1982

Sally Sherrod Asseff, Shreveport, La., is a congressional aid for U.S. Representative Jim McCrery.

Delbert Chumley, Fort Worth, Texas, is employed by P2 Energy Solutions. He and his wife, Jill, have five children: Delbert, Daniel, Walter, Matthew, and Taylor.

Julie Clegg, Plano, Texas, is a consultant for Microsystems in Downers Grove, Illinois.

David Henington, Shreveport, La., is the senior director of donor relations for Centenary College of Louisiana. He loves to travel, read, work in the yard, entertain and be with friends.

Don Huguley, Shreveport, La., has retired from the Air Force after 22 and a half years and moved back to Shreveport to work with A.G. Edwards as a financial consultant. He hopes to get back involved in alumni activities, church, scouting, etc. in the community.

Evonne Greene Jones, Austin, Texas, has lived in Austin since 1985 and is a partner/CPA with a large public accounting firm, Lockart, Atchley and Associates, LLP. She and her husband, Ken, have two daughters: one is a senior at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and the other a freshman in high school. She is a member of Hyde Park Baptist Church and the Estate Planning Council of Central Texas, and she is a former member/executive of the Austin Chapter of Executive Women International.

Kirk Labor, Southlake, Texas, was featured in an article on www.smartmoney.com as the first doctor in U.S. private practice to use Next Generation LASIK technology.

Melinda Love Lombardino, Huntsville, Ala., is a teacher at Lee High School, a magnet school for arts in Huntsville. She and her husband, Brian, have two children, James and Elizabeth.

Mark Steele, Gladewater, Texas, is a special education teacher for the visually impaired.

Stephen Wren, Texarkana, Texas, is a high school golf coach at Pleasant Grove Independent School District.

1983

Graham Bateman, Alexandria, La., works for the Louisiana Third Circuit Court of Appeal, clerking for Judge Jimmie Peters: "Love it! Researching and writing are my favorite parts of the job." She had an article published in the Michigan Appellate Practice Section newsletter and hopes to get something in the *Louisiana Bar Journal* soon.

Greg Blackman, Longmeadow, Mass., is a diagnostic and interventional radiologist at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. He describes his job as "diagnosing and treating disease. Fighting the good fight and having a good time doing it." Additionally, he still runs ("much slower"), bikes, hikes and travels. He says he has "three girls reaching college age before too long and a wife in college—no, she's not that young, just pursuing a dream to get her Ph.D. in English literature. No small feat for a native-born French woman."

Cindy Garrett-Tocci, South Hamilton, Mass., lives north of Boston and hopes to visit Shreveport again one day soon!

Deborah Greer Gilbert, Longview, Texas, is currently the orchestra director at Mobberly Baptist Church and the director of music at LeTourneau University.

Troy Henry, Jeanerette, La., teaches for Iberia Parish Schools.

Steve Kolstad, Cypress, Calif., has one child, Chyna Tyler, who is now seven years old.

David Langston, Shreveport, La., is a customer service and marketing manager for SWEPCO.

Larry McCammon, Ypsilanti, Mich., is a corporate nurse for Collins and Aikman Automotive Parts Supplier in Southfield, Mich.

Shawna Stotts Nielsen, Edmond, Okla., is a self-employed realtor with Prudential Alliance Realty. She and her husband, Rick, have two children: Alese, 18; and Ryan, 11.

Kathy Fraser Rachal, Spring, Texas, is the elementary assistant principal of Klein ISD.

1984

Donald Barnes, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., is a colonel for the United States Air Force. He is currently the director of manpower and personnel for United States Central Air Forces.

Rick Bennett, Spring, Texas, recently moved from Littleton, Colo. to Texas with his wife, Susan, to be closer to their family. His wife is a tax partner with Ernst and Young.

Trey Harris, Gretna, La., has recently been appointed to start a new United Methodist church in the Prairieville area. It is called NewSong on Old Perkins Road. Visit newumc.org for more information.

Edie Carell Johnson, Nashville, was elected to the Board of Trustees at Vanderbilt University where she is a member of the Carell Scholarship committee, the Canby Robinson Society, and the National Commodore Club. She is also a former member of the Peabody Roundtable. After graduating from Centenary, she earned a law degree from Wake Forest University. Now, her varied Nashville community involvement includes co-chairing the $44 million capital campaign for Harpeth Hall School, membership on the boards of the Nashville Zoo and the McNeilly Center for Children, and membership in the Tennessee Bar Association.

Rolla Long, Houston, is a data administrator for Halliburton Energy Services in Houston.

Dan Mann, Oklahoma City, Okla., is employed by the Made-Rite Company/MidCon Compression. He has two children: Marshall, 12; and Anna, 10.

Diane Mirvis, Shreveport, La., is a program director at the Advocacy Center, which provides free legal services to individuals with disabilities. The Center serves people statewide with regard to housing, accommodations, employment, institutional rights, voting rights, special education, and access to public buildings and services. The Advocacy Center also offers training in self-advocacy, college accessibility and accommodations, etc. "If it has to do with a disability-related legal issue, we probably either do it or can find someone who does," Diane said. She serves as chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council and vice chair of the Louisiana Rehabilitation Council. She is taking a "break" from serving on the Board of Directors of the Highland Restoration Association after 10+ years. "My years at Centenary were some of the

Peter Eckel '06 and Gordon Blackman '80 at the Shreveport-Bossier Chapter September Final Friday at Cambria (now Zocolo).

Todd Hebert '89, Jared Frank '06 and Mat Brooksher '06 at the New Orleans Rock and Bowl Event on Friday, October 5, 2007.

All the Rock and Bowl attendees pose with the Centenary Gent for project "Make Matthew Campbell Smile" at the New Orleans Rock and Bowl Event held in October, 2007.

Provost Darrel Colson & Jeff Everson '01 at the Annual Fund Kickoff Reception at the Symphony House held on October 11, 2007.

Aylwin Holman '04 and Cristi Hay '03 at the Shreveport-Bossier Chapter Annual Gumbo Mambo on October 13, 2007.

Jimmy Hale '93 and Angie White '93 enjoy the gumbo at the Shreveport-Bossier Annual Gumbo Mambo held in October 2007.

Future Centenary grads Alice Hale and Logan Meeder share a cupcake.

best of my life—I'll always cherish the time I spent there," she added.

Kathryn Snelling Olenyik, Mechanicsville, Va., serves as director of parent education and violence prevention programs for "Bounce . . . Raising Resilient Children," a program of Medical Home Plus. As a prevention specialist, she oversees the implementation of evidence-based programs in over 500 preschool and early-elementary classrooms while also acknowledging that true prevention programs for early childhood begin in the home. Kathryn focuses on working with parents and other childcare providers by offering workshops, community events, and other opportunities to reach parents. Since her oldest son has ADHD, she has been developing parenting programs especially designed for parents of children with ADD/ADHD. As the importance of parent education becomes more apparent, Kathryn is participating on committees on the city, state and national level.

Hassel Parker, Lewisville, N.C., is a systems analyst for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

Michele Finlay Trachier, Pasadena, Texas, and her husband, **Kevin Trachier '81**, moved to Marshall, Texas, after graduating from Centenary and operated their own business. They then moved to the Houston area where Michele became an RN. They have three children: Kevin Matthew, 25; Rita Marie, 23; and Andrew Thomas, 16.

1985

Mark McCrocklin, Shreveport, La., is a senior financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial and qualified in the 2006 Circle of Success program. Advisors earn this recognition by meeting stringent criteria in financial planning performance and client service. Senior financial advisors are comprised of the firm's top 1,731 members of more than 10,000 advisors.

J. Rand Certain, Plano, Texas, was hired as private violinist for the NFL Wives Association's May 2007 Mother's Day charity function. He is a full-time private violin teacher for Studio of Certain Music, a professional violinist/teacher and professional member of ASTA.

Philip Frederic, Jacksonville, Ark., is the director of music ministries at First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. He is married to the most beautiful woman in the world, has four of the most beautiful and intelligent children in the world, and has the privilege and blessing of serving a great church in a great community!

Suzanne Thompson Harris, Saint Amant, La., teaches sixth and seventh grade at Galvez Middle School in Ascension Parish. She and her husband, **Trey Harris '84**, live with their children: Rebecca, 15; and son, Jason, 18, who began Centenary (yeah!) in the Fall.

Lee Morgan, Hightstown, N.J., and his music partner, Joe Lutton, recently played again at The Bitter End. You can view videos of their songs "Another Me" and "Too Many Chances" at http://myspace.com/joeandlee.

Betsy Camp-Hoffman, Dickinson, Texas, is an attorney for The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Curtis Robertson, New York, is an administrative assistant for NYU Medical Center. He worked the phones of the American Red Cross during the Katrina crisis. He earns his daily bread in the Facilities Management Department of NYU Medical Center but gets a fairly large portion of his fun and an increasing amount of money working in his spare time with interiors and decorative painting.

Laura Ehrhardt Vaughn, Shreveport, La., works in the Christian Leadership Center at Centenary College.

Lee Fowler Brady, Spring, Texas, married and moved to the Houston area after 11 years of teaching. She spends her time teaching children's choir, playing piano for parties/events, tutoring and subbing, and going to Astros games.

Lynette Potter Viskozki, Shreveport, La., is the assistant director of financial aid for Centenary College. She and her husband, **Ronald Viskozki '85**, have two children: Emma, 14; and Hayden, 10.

1986

Dina Bennett, Burbank, Calif., is in Los Angeles working in the music business and doing various things. She does a lot of swing band music with groups and has traveled to Japan several times with the Billy Vaughn band as a vocalist. She also has her own Andrews Sisters style group. She acts whenever she can and has done a few commercials. She is also part of a singing group called "The Singing Waiters" and travels to Europe with them occasionally.

Dave Dawson, Fayetteville, Ark., directs the Fulbright College Advising Center at the University of Arkansas. He and his wife, Alice, have a five-year-old son named Max.

Tina Hackett Gregory, Austin, Texas, and her husband, John, have a seven-year-old son named Matthew.

Harvey Harris, North Little Rock, Ark., works as an attorney in private practice, specializing in civil litigation and estates. He now lives in North Little Rock and is still in contact with three of his closest Centenary friends.

Angie Hendrix-Jordan, Mocksville, N.C., works as national sales manager at WXII-TV, the NBC affiliate in Winston-Salem/Greensboro, N.C. She lives in her hometown with her two kids and says, "I typically see **Ron '85** and **Celia Sirman Whitler '85** and their kids a couple of times a year but don't run into too many other Centenary grads here in N.C. I really can't believe it's been 21 years since I graduated. Time sure flies."

Larry Morse, Chicago, owns Larry: Life By Design Interior and Exterior Space, focusing on weddings, parties, and seasonal decoration. He has spent the better part of the past 20 years designing and producing high-end special events for such clients as former president and Mrs. Bill Clinton. He spent several years in New York City before moving to Chicago where he currently practices interior design and special event design and production to luxury-end clients.

Scott Ritch, Bossier City, La., is one of seven partners at Mid City Pediatrics in Shreveport. He is active in his children's school (First Baptist Church School in Shreveport) and their church (First Baptist Church of Bossier City).

Daniel Talley, Tomball, Texas, works with Cabot Oil and Gas.

Angela Wall, Lacombe, La., works for American Nursing Services as the human resources coordinator and corporate trainer responsible for orientation, development, and retention of administrative staff members of the national healthcare staffing agency.

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William Bland, Tomball, Texas, works as a senior technical advisor with Shell Technologies Ventures Company. He and his wife, Carol, have two sons.

William Lewis, Denver, is program director of Denver Urban Ministries (denum.org), a human service agency founded by The United Methodist Church in the heart of Denver, serving low-income families and individuals with basic needs (food, eviction prevention, utility assistance, employment services for "hard to employ" homeless/recently released). He supervises a staff of nine as well as 25 volunteers. He also serves part-time as the organist/choir master at Church of the Holy Redeemer, an Episcopal church in Colorado's only historically African American Episcopal parish.

Thad Mayo, Lake Charles, La., and his wife, **Tammie Courville Mayo '89**, live in Lake Charles with their two children: Chandler, 12; and Cooper, 9.

Craig Spence, Shreveport, La., is vice president at Chase Bank in north Shreveport.

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Cindy Boyter-Riley, Shreveport, La., is a senior manager for KPMG. She and her husband, Anthony, have a four-year-old daughter, Katherine.

Connie Cavanaugh Harrington, Summit, Miss., and her husband, Joseph, are waiting on a child match for their daughter-to-be from China. In August 2007, Constance joined her brother's marketing consulting firm, Magellan Strategy Group based out of Asheville, N.C., to work at home full-time as his operations manager.

Sterling Chandler, Los Angeles, is an attorney with Ladas and Parry in Los Angeles.

Pete Lee, New York, and his family have returned to the United States after a three-year tour in Germany. He is going to inspector general school in Virginia and will then go to his next assignment in Monterey, Calif.

Wade Loep, Houston, is a branch manager for BWI Companies, Inc.

Lisa Jenson McGill, Plano, Texas, works as an administrative assistant and attendance clerk at Hendrick Middle School in the Plano Independent School District. She and her husband, William, have two children: Corey, 15; and Haley, 11.

Marijane Buck Nguyen, Chandler, Ariz., lives in Chandler with her husband, Pat, and 10-year-old daughter, Lexie. She will complete coursework for her music therapy post-baccalaureate equivalency program at Arizona State University in May 2008 and hopes to be accepted into an internship during the summer of 2008.

Edward Utz, San Antonio, is an active-duty lieutenant colonel in the United States Army, stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Edward's job title is CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives) officer.

Kelly White, Topanga, Calif., married Jim Dutka in November of 2002. They have one son, Alexander. Kelly is a mom, wife, marriage family therapist, and writer.

Mary Amelia Whited-Howell, Albuquerque, N.M., was recently honored with the second Philanthropist of the Year Award from St. Vincent Hospital and the Albuquerque Publishing Company's *Journal Santa Fe.*

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Mike Collum, Bossier City, La., and his wife, **Susan Collum '87**, have two boys: Jack, 9; and William, 5.

Katie McKay '04 with Lauren Herndon Burnham '02 and Jason Burnham '02 at the Rhapsody in View Alumni Reception held on November 3, 2007.

Al Hobson, Will Andress '61, Adrianne Davis '98, and Truman Davis '96 at the Rhapsody in View Alumni Reception held in November 2007.

Richard Rogers '68 and his wife, Hank '67 and Sue Gowen, and Charles Grubb '68 at the Third Annual Centenary Tailgate Party at the LSU vs. La. Tech game in Baton Rouge on November 10, 2007.

DFW Chapter President Kathryn Boots '96 and Sam Flores '00 at the Pre-Game Burger Bash at Goff's Burger in Dallas on October 17, 2007.

Lara Moffat '95 and owner of Goff's Burgers, Jim Francis III '98, who hosted the Pre-Game Burger Bash in Dallas on October 17, 2007, before Centenary played SMU in men's basketball.

Catherine Green Allen '99 and her husband, Bill, sport light-up sweaters at the GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) Tacky Christmas Sweater Party.

Alee Kittkoune '06, Kat Davis '05, Luke Spence '05, Sarah Andrepont, and Lindsey Smith '07 at the GOLD Tacky Christmas Sweater Party.

Todd Hebert, New Orleans, is an attorney.

Kim Novak Jackson, Littleton, Colo., is employed by Gnames Media Group, a direct marketing company based in Irving, Texas. She has been with the company for 16 years and is senior sales manager and senior list manager, responsible for the planning, implementation, and marketing of the company's sales programs for their roster of clients.

David Martin, North Little Rock, Ark., became a teacher of seventh-grade math after working as a youth minister for 15 years. He could handle it for only seven years, and then, a couple of years ago, he had the opportunity to start working at an asphalt emulsion plant and has never been happier. "It's amazing how things work out," said David.

Tammie Courville Mayo, Lake Charles, La., and her husband, **Thad Mayo '87**, have two children: Chandler, 12; and Cooper, 9.

David McAlilly, Madison, Miss., is the director of physical therapy for CHOR in Madison.

Maggi Madden McKenzie, Mount Juliet, Tenn., is a senior business analyst for Great American Opportunities, Inc.

Nick Nolfe, Mandeville, La., is a chemistry teacher and baseball coach at St. Paul's of Covington, Louisiana. He has been teaching for 17 years. He and his wife, Deborah, have three children: Chloe, 8; Isabella, 5; and Joseph, 4.

Tonia Norman, Austin, Texas, is manager of GPA Research for the Texas Department of Transportation. She has two Pomeranian puppies (Dusty Brown and Winter Snow), plays hand bells in her church's Glory Bells choir, and enjoys singing, reading, travel, and doing crossword puzzles.

Jennifer Parrish, Cedar Hill, Texas, works in the research administration department at UT-Southwestern. She and her husband, Mark, live in Cedar Hill.

Scott Pollock, Dallas, is a contractor for Mel W. Pollock Company Custom Homes/Homebuilder. He does residential home-building, remodeling, additions, etc. in the Park Cities, Preston Hollow, and Dallas areas. He is also a mortgage broker in residential finance for local properties as well as others throughout the United States. He has been in the finance business for over 17 years and is looking for something stable and secure within the business world for his family and their future. He has a baby boy, Christopher Lee Pollock, born February 26, 2007!

Peanut Price, Slidell, LA, has moved from Denham Springs, La., to become the senior pastor at First United Methodist Church of Slidell.

Kristi Popejoy Pudwill, Bossier City, La., and her husband, Joe, have four children: Cora, 7; Everett, 5; Edie, 4; and Henry, 2.

Chris Weir, Flower Mound, Texas, has owned Lead Concepts, Inc., for 16 years. LCI provides direct marketing through design, printing and mailing services for all industries. He has three children: Courtney, 12; Jessica, 9; and Chris Jr., 6.

David Young, Sugar Land, Texas, is the vice president of finance for Thermo Fisher Scientific in Suger Land.

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Chris Carstens, Birmingham, Ala., is an estimator and sales representative for Hurri-Bolt North America.

Angela Morris Dockum, Vancouver, Wash., moved to Vancouver after she and Don married in September 2006. She recently started a career with Waddell & Reed as a financial advisor, and she is enjoying the beautiful scenery and weather in the Pacific Northwest. She loves catching up with her Centenary College friends in this area.

Karen Eason, Shreveport, La., is an elementary supervisor for Caddo Parish Schools.

Gay Grosz, Shreveport, La., has been pursuing doctoral studies at LSU in Baton Rouge. Expected graduation date is May 2008. Gay is a professor of music at Centenary.

Marilyn Segura Joiner, Shreveport, La., director of marketing and public relations for Willis-Knighton Health System, received the Golden Pelican Award for Marketer of the Year from the Louisiana Society for Hospital Public Relations and Marketing at a luncheon in Baton Rouge.

Sherry Green McAlilly, Madison, Miss., is a decorative painter.

Jane Richard, Redwood Shores, Calif., is a tactical training instructor for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, handling all tactical training for the western district based in San Francisco.

Betsy Baldwin Sunstrom, Austin, Texas, and her husband, Tom, have three children: Hannah, 8; Harper, 4; and Nora, 2.

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Chris Bynog, New Orleans, is now employed by Phelps Dunbar.

Warren Clifton, Shreveport, La., is a part-time associate pastor and director of youth ministries for St. Luke's United Methodist Church. He works in the relatively new field of recruitment process outsourcing for The Right Thing, managing the recruiting process for Siemens Energy and Automation and Siemens Power Transmission and Distribution.

Britton Coffman, Houston, and his wife, Ruth, have two children: Adriana, 9; and Gabriela, 6.

Susan Alandt Crumpley, Spicewood, Texas, is the director of special education at the University Charter School of the University of Texas.

Michael Duke, Milledgeville, Ga., is currently in a private practice with two partners specializing in family medicine, and is the chief of staff elect of the medical staff at Oconee Family Medicine Center. He and his wife, Cathy, are busy raising three children: Shelby, 4; Davis, 3; and Cameron, 2 months.

Aimee Henderson, Smyrna, Ga., ran both the ING Marathon in Atlanta and the Country Music Marathon in Nashville last spring.

Stacey Pylkas Klein, Atlanta, is a physician assistant for a pediatric neurosurgeon at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. She married her husband, a recruiting manager for Mirant Energy Corporation, on June 30, 2007 in Ft. Myers, Fla.

John Landry, Little Rock, Ark., is a safety coordinator for the Baptist Health Medical Center in Little Rock.

Olivia McKee, North Little Rock, Ark., is an occupational therapist.

Catherine Bernard McMenimen, Snowmass Village, Colo., has been an emergency physician at Aspen Valley Hospital in Aspen for the past five years. She married Joe McMenimen, a ski racer, in 2002. They live just outside Aspen in a beautiful mountain area and are expecting their first child this September.

Christine Milligan, Fairfax, Va., is a business systems support analyst for Waste Management.

Amy Parnell, Ruston, La., earned a master of science in speech-language pathology from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She works at Willow Ridge Nursing and Rehab Center in Arcadia, La.

Stacy Pever, Houston, is a United Methodist pastor currently serving as the campus minister and Wesley Foundation director at the University of Houston.

Peter Robertson, Las Cruces, N.M., as the senior trial prosecutor for Sandoval County, N.M., has prosecuted approximately 85 serious felony cases, including murder, armed robbery and narcotics cases. Peter served as an Army National Guardsman in Baghdad, Iraq, in 2004.

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Scott Durbin, New Orleans, reports that Imagination Movers, the kids show he created with three friends, signed a deal last April to release albums through Walt Disney Records. They are also creating a television show for the Playhouse Disney Channel in which the four solve "idea emergencies" in their Idea Warehouse. They have already won 14 national music awards.

Marshall Iler, Cypress, Texas, and wife, Meredith, have been working the past two years on several charity/fundraising projects, the most recent of which involves building houses for wounded and disabled veterans from the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Christopher Jones, Houston, received his law degree from the University of Texas and is a partner with Crady, Jewett & McCulley in Houston. He is a transactional attorney specializing in tax and business planning. His wife, Connie, also received her law degree from the University of Texas and has now changed her career to full-time mom.

Heidi McAllister, Wichita, Kan., is the head of the education department at Exploration Place, a hands-on science center. She works very closely with schools and programming for national traveling exhibits hosted by the museum.

Jeff Payne, Flower Mound, Texas, is the area sales manager for Loomis. He has two children: Jonathan, 6; and Lindsey, 4.

Kym Davis Rogers, Bethesda, Md., is a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Rob Rooney, San Antonio, is a senior wealth management consultant for Phoenix Wealth Management. He and his wife, Anne, have two children: Caroline Grace, 3; and Margaret Lauren, 1.

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Jennifer Bristol, Austin, Texas, is currently a stay-at-home mom driving a mini-van with flames on the sides. Her days are crazy busy and loads of fun. She can be reached at jenofjapan@aol.com if anyone is looking to say hello!

Steve Brouillette, Hammond, La., accepted an attorney position with the law firm Daigle Fisse & Kessenich, PLC, in Madisonville, La., last July

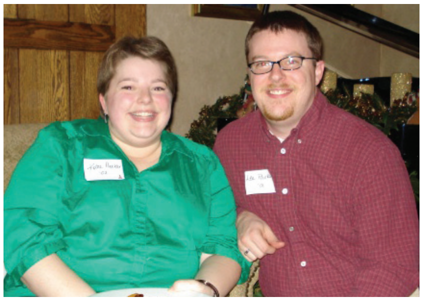
Mary Bocchini '05, Suzie Golas '04, Autumn Frazier Casaus '05, Kevin Casaus, and Jamie Asbury '04 enjoy themselves at the GOLD Tacky Christmas Sweater Party.

Chat Reed '63 and George Gilmer '63 at the Shreveport-Bossier Holiday Reception hosted by Amy and Manash Sarcar '77.

Nathan Hamaker '07, Wendy Reed and Dr. Steve Clark at the Shreveport-Bossier Holiday Reception.

Joel Blakeney '96 and his wife, Tami, at the Austin Holiday Reception hosted by Brown '71 and Nancy Boone Word '70.

Corey Pavletich '02 and hostess Nancy Boone Word '70 at the Austin Holiday Reception.


Lee '02 and Katie White Parker '01 at the Austin Holiday Reception.

after practicing for nearly seven years in Jackson, Miss. He will be handling various types of litigation, including products liability defense, insurance defense, and corporate litigation.

Chris Chappa, Hawkins, Texas, is teaching and loving it. He is currently teaching full-time at Tyler Junior College and adjunct at the University of Texas in Tyler.

Kenneth Goins, Lewisville, Texas, is a manager of Supply Chain Analytics for VHA, Inc.

Carol Johnson, Vicksburg, Miss., is a research structural engineer for the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center.

Julie Kammer, Metairie, La., is a partner at the law firm of Staines & Eppling, APLC. She married Dall Kammer in March 2006, and on March 30, 2007, they welcomed their daughter, Anna Grace.

Matt Murphey, Rowlett, Texas, works for the Garland Police Department.

Angie White, Shreveport, La., is the current president (2007-08) of the Shreveport-Bossier Chapter of the Centenary Alumni Association.

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Patrick Axford, Shreveport, La., works with Regions Mortgage at their Bayou Walk branch.

James Briggs, Shreveport, La., has opened Briggs and Company Home located in Pierremont Plaza on E. 70th Street near the Clarion Hotel. He is a design consultant and specializes in home accessories, custom upholstery and drapes, and other furnishings.

Justin Daffron, Chicago, is a Jesuit priest. He serves on the Board of Trustees at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala.

Jennifer Vincent Grant, Garland, Texas, is the vice president of finance for Vincent Enterprises.

Laura Hemmings, Bossier City, La., is a school counselor at Bossier High School.

Brutus Michael, Lancashire, England, is a numeracy lecturer at Blackpool & Fylde College. He is also teaching on behalf of the National Probation Service. He qualified as a college lecturer in 2006 and as a specialist numeracy tutor in June 2007.

Yancey Nolan, West Monroe, La., recently left a non-profit company as human resources manager to accept an opportunity with Faulk and Foster Real Estate, a local commercial real estate company that specializes in the telecommunications industry. Job responsibilities consist of ensuring compliance regarding human resource industry trends and federal and state employment legislation, recommending, evaluating, facilitating, and/or conducting training programs to ensure professional development of employees, providing coaching and feedback to managers to ensure fair and consistent employment practices company-wide and handling staffing and benefits. He has been married to his wife, Kristi, for 10 years and has three children: Yancey Jr., 7; JohnBrady, 3; and Nancy Claire, 2.

Kevin Rice, Dallas, is an attorney with Akin, Gump, Straus, Hauer & Feld. He and his wife, Beverly, have two children, Chloe and Nicholas.

Suellen Vise Richardson, Franklinton, La., is an attorney for Farmer & Burns.

Linda Crow Wallace, Farmerville, La., is retired. She and her husband, James, have two children, Sarah Elizabeth and David James.

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Justin Bank, Little Rock, Ark., is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch.

Anne-Marie Bruner, Norwich, U.K., is senior international officer at University of East Anglia. She manages student exchange programs and recruits degree-seeking undergraduate and postgraduate students from North America.

Matt Dzurik, Fort Worth, Texas, is in a pediatric arrhythmia group (one of very few in the nation in his particular specialty). His wife, Yvette, is a pathologist.

Ginny Bowdon Ellsworth, Dallas, is a veterinarian and her husband, Sam, is in dental school.

Denise Wilson Garza, Bossier City, La., is a school psychologist with plans to open a yoga studio in Shreveport.

Melonie Whitehead Himel, Sulphur, La., is a subcontract analyst at Global Industries, an offshore construction and diving company in Carlyss, La.

Khanh Hoang, Oklahoma City, is a PharmD candidate at OUHSC College of Pharmacy.

Courtney McLaughlin, Edmond, Okla., is the director of business development of INTEGRIS Health.

Lara Moffat, Richardson, Texas, states, "Quit my job, sold my car, sold my house and put all my belongings into storage for an extended European adventure! Please check out my website www.laramoffat.com to read about my travels and view my photographs.

Chris Smith, Memphis, Tenn., relocated to Memphis where he joined Mid-South Foot and Ankle Specialists as a partner in February 2007. They have three locations in the Memphis area. He specializes in surgical correction of pediatric and adult foot/ankle deformities. He and his partners are currently establishing the JK Diabetic Foot Center, which specializes in diabetic limb salvage (the first of its kind in the Memphis area). "Look me up if you're headed through Memphis," he said.

Kwang-May Tham, Singapore, is a journalist for Platts.

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Joel Blakeney, Austin, Texas, is a laser engineer.

Kathryn Boots, Denton, Texas, did a complete 180-degree career change in 2006 and became a partner with her dad in the family construction business, which her grandfather started in Texas. They do custom new construction and some light commercial construction, but what she loves most is their residential remodel work, especially kitchens and baths. She spends as much time as possible with her two adorable nieces who, thankfully, live nearby. She is glad now to work for herself (and not have to travel for work all the time), so that she has more time to spend with her family and friends.

Jonathan Chamberlain, Charlotte, N.C., is a portfolio manager for The South Street Group.

Kristin Hebert Fisher, Folsom, La., is a veterinarian.

David Harris, Plano, Texas, is a systems analyst for Accenture.

Emily Lowe, Nashville, is a realtor with Prudential Woodmont Realty as well as a piano teacher and musician in Nashville.

Rayne Martin, New Orleans, is serving as director of operations for the Recovery School District (RSD) in New Orleans as of July 30, 2007. RSD is a special state school district created by legislation passed in 2003 and is designed to take underperforming schools and transform them into successful places for children to learn. The Louisiana Department of Education has been providing oversight to RSD, and Rayne will be joining the new management team responsible for bringing local oversight to the RSD schools.

Poppy Moon, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is a child, adolescent, young adult, and family therapist whose practice is located in a historic home in downtown Tuscaloosa. With her husband, Dr. James Collier, she has two miniature dachshunds (Watson and Twinkie) and four cats (Little, Boo Radley, Lulu, and The Fuzzy Kitty). Her cat Little has his own podcast at www.littlebittykitty.com. You can also download the show off of iTunes; just do a podcast power search and type in The Little Bitty Kitty Show.

Chris Norris, Dallas, is an attorney at Carrington, Coleman, Sloman & Blumenthal.

Erich Nunn, Philadelphia, is a Ph.D. candidate in English at the University of Virginia.

Donald Ritchie, Boerne, Texas, is a pediatric dentist with Little Smiles Dentistry for Children and took his last step of Board Certification in September 2007.

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Mark Arcemont, Irving, Texas, is now the director of the Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation.

Jeremy Bolom, West Monroe, La., is the head of public service for the Lincoln Parish Library in West Monroe.

Summer Neel Coxe, Lewisville, Texas, is a business planning and communication manager for Hewlett Packard Service Delivery Americas.

Travis Crudup, Dallas, completed his residency in general surgery at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and has started a private practice in Fort Worth.

Michael Farris, Fort Worth, Texas, and his wife, Michelle, have a two-year-old son, Carter. Michael is employed by ATC Logistics and Electronics as a customer service manager.

Candice Endicott Gibson, Bossier City, La., teaches English at Bossier Parish Community College. She and her husband, Trey, had a baby girl, Emilie Michelle Gibson, on June 15, 2007. Emilie has a big brother, Alex Gibson, who is 4.

Jennifer Dent Hill, Sugar Land, Texas, is a music teacher and stay-at-home mom.

Craig Johnson, Woodsboro, Texas, and his wife, Bets, have 2 boys: Coty, 4; and Cameron, 8 months. Craig is the boy's head soccer coach in special education.

David King, Tulsa, Okla., finished his residency in pediatrics at Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is doing a one-year fellowship in manipulation.

Kasie Mainiero, Shreveport, La., is a kindergarten teacher at University Elementary. She has written and been awarded several grants including the "KTBS One Class at a Time" grant for $1,000 and the state-funded Louisiana 8g Grant for $100,000 in technology. She has

Neal '97 and Amy Williams pose with Santa at the Houston Holiday Reception at the home of Mike and Carolyn Mann.

Herb and Mary Jo Loyd with hosts Carolyn '65 and Mike '63 Mann at the Houston Holiday Reception.

Mary Ann Garrett Caffery '72 and Taylor Caffery '75 at the Baton Rouge Holiday Reception hosted by Suzanne and Gray Sexton '64.

Hope Angelloz '07, Weston Schild '07, and Katie Carpenter '07 at the Baton Rouge Holiday Reception hosted by Suzanne and Gray Sexton '64.

Rev. Lee McKinzie '77 and President Kenneth L. Schwab at the Baton Rouge Holiday Reception.

President Kenneth L. Schwab with hosts Lisa and Trip Ludwig '82 and Ron Atchley '75 at the New Orleans Holiday Reception.

been teaching for 10 years. She is a wife and a mother of two wonderful children.

Kristen Mavico McConnell, Flower Mound, Texas, has been practicing as a physical therapist since 1999. For the past eight years she has worked for Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas. Her emphasis has been in the area of pediatrics, treating children with developmental disabilities, cancer, burns, cystic fibrosis, traumatic brain injuries and various other diagnoses. As of November, she is working with her husband, **Keegan McConnell '97**, at Orthopedia, his outpatient physical therapy practice that combines orthopedic, neurologic, and pediatric physical therapy. The couple has two wonderful boys, Jack and Hayden. They are active members at their church in Flower Mound.

Cynthia Melton, Plano, Texas, is the director of operations for Promotional Currency.

Meagan Horn O'Quinn, Spring Hill, Tenn., was recently promoted to professional healthcare representative II with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. She was also awarded Nashville District Sales Representative of the Year.

Staci Davis Phillips, Waskom, Texas, and her husband, Clint, have two children: Camon, 5; and Isabelle, 3. Staci is the director of institutional research and assessment at Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier City, La.

Matt Prysock, Maumelle, Ark., works with Auxilium Pharma and selling Testim (www.testim.com). He is also a volunteer softball coach at University of Central Arkansas.

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Martha Rundell Crenshaw, Memphis, Tenn., is an associate at the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell and Berkowitz.

Allyson Eddy, San Francisco, is an assistant archivist at the Chevron Corporate Archives in Dublin, California. She is also pursuing a master's in library and information science at San Jose State University.

Amanda Ellis, Dallas, is attorney placement director for Special Counsel.

Thomas Eskew, Bossier City, La., is a relationship manager for J.P. Morgan Chase in Shreveport.

Katharine Harper, Cedar Park, Texas, works for the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services conducting annual reviews of Mental Retardation Authorities all over the state.

Holly Hatten, Dallas, graduated from Texas A & M at Commerce in May with a master of education and is a first grade teacher.

Justin Hayes, Bonanza, Ark., is a family physician at Booneville Family Clinic in Booneville, Ark. He also serves as deputy sheriff in the Logan County Sheriff's Office.

Stephen Hill, Sugar Land, Texas, is a dentist with Drs. Schiro and Kline.

David Hobson, Shreveport, La., is director of the Centenary Choir. He and his wife, **Emily Robinson Hobson '97**, have two children: Hannah, 4; and Landry, 1.

Melanie Martin, Lawrenceville, Ga., is the associate pastor of discipleship at Norcross First United Methodist Church.

Jennifer Warner Martin, Owasso, Okla., is a pharmacist at Walgreens.

Matthew Morgan, Sarasota, Fla., is the director of a physical therapy clinic and is working towards his Ph.D. at the University of Florida.

Matthew Mosura, Haughton, La., is a physician for the Willis-Knighton Health System.

Katie Sigler, Southborough, Mass., is still at the Fay School. After teaching math for a few years she went back to school for a master's in theatre education from Emerson College. She and her husband, Andy, welcomed their first child, Hannah Kate, on February 25, 2007.

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Lisa Bailey, Washington, D.C., is the marine communications manager for Conservation International.

Kerry Bujarski Bleil, Montgomery, Ala., and her husband, John, and their daughter, Sarah, have moved again. This time the Air Force sent them to Montgomery, where Kerry has started her own business. The Ink Blossom specializes in personalized stationery, invitations and bag tags. Check out the website at www.theinkblossom.com.

Vanessa Boyd, New York, has a business known as v2k - music : art : words. Visit www.vanessaboyd.com or www.v2k.name. She also has a new album out with TN band "The Yes Men" called Hunger. See website for other projects.

James Eakin, Kansas City, Mo., received his doctor of musical arts in May 2007 from the Conservatory of Music, University of Missouri at Kansas City. His work "Flowers on the Grave of War" will premiere in Dallas at the Morton Meyerson Hall in the Spring.

Susan Moore Feibel, Shreveport, La., is a nurse at Willis-Knighton Health System while in school again to pursue a higher degree in nursing.

George Fine, Alexandria, La., is working as an associate attorney in the law firm of Provosty, Sadler, deLaunay, Fiorenza & Sobel.

Danielle Spoehrer Giacalone, Tomball, Texas, designed the book cover for *Cancer Pain Management* by Michael J. Fisch and Allen Burton. She is starting her MBA at the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

Meg Green, Baton Rouge, La., is the executive producer at WAFB 9 News.

Stephanie Kestel Karpovs, Lake Charles, La., is a speech-language pathologist working for a private practice and specializing in feeding disorders of NICU babies, autistic children, and auditory processing disorders. She also works with adults in the ICU, acute therapy, and outpatient therapy of a local hospital, specializing in voice disorders, stroke and TBI. She says, "Love my job! I recently learned that one of my patients is a fellow grad of Centenary. We practiced 'Go Gents!' as a vocal exercise!"

Jill Kovalchick-Conway, Dallas, is a physician assistant and has a retired greyhound named Charlie.

Ryan Lanclos, Lees Summit, Mo., is an industry account manager for ESRI.

Jeff Maddocks, La Grange Park, Ill., is a sales engineer for SPSS.

Carrie Murphree, Plano, Texas, is a senior RN case manager for Informed Medical Management.

Erin Byrd Oliver, Fayetteville, Ark., owns her own pediatric therapy clinic, Thera-Play, Inc., where she is a speech language pathologist. She and her husband, Shaun, have a one-year-old son, Ethan Murray.

Dionne Procell, Shreveport, La., is teaching AP U.S. History and English III at Loyola College Prep. Inspired by a few students and the Robinson Film Center, she sponsored Loyola's first Film Club. As a member of the Louisiana chapter of Team in Training, she trained to run the Nike Women's Marathon in October while trying to raise several thousand dollars for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. To learn more about her training and fundraising efforts, visit her website at: http://www.active.com/donate/tntla/tntlaDProcel

Jason Rounds, Shreveport, La., is the assistant administrator of Christus Schumpert. Previously, he served as presidential chief of staff and executive director of the medical service, research and development plan, for University of Texas Health Center at Tyler (UTHC).

Leslie Shepherd, Hope, Ark., has been a licensed clinical social worker and primary therapist at Southwest Arkansas Counseling and Mental Health for the last three years, specializing in individual, marital, family, and group therapy.

Jeremiah Stevens, Montezuma, N.M., is director of alumni relations for United World College of the American West.

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Timothy Anderson, Hollister, Calif., is a realtor for Assist 2 Sell.

Shelley Schneider Armstrong, Shreveport, La., is officially Dr. Shelley Armstrong with the degree of doctor of philosophy in health studies.

Tracey Autrey, Houston, got married in Jamaica in October 2007.

Brooke Earles Dunand, Baton Rouge, La., is a full-time "household manager," mommy, and wife. She stays busy with church groups and church volunteer work as well as chasing/wrestling two kids who are two years old and under. She welcomed new daughter, Julianne Isabella, on March 15, 2007, with big sis Caroline Elizabeth, who was born April 10, 2005.

Ann Haggard, League City, Texas, was featured, along with her father, Dr. Marcus Haggard, in the July 2007 edition of The Bay Area edition of *Living Magazine.* Their dental practice, Designer Smiles, was the feature article.

Ashley Hunter, Austin, Texas, is working for the Independent Insurance Agents of Texas and owns a small insurance brokerage, specializing in commercial businesses, known as HM Risk Group Insurance in Dallas.

Jennifer Smith Jackson, Shreveport, La., is a choir teacher at Byrd and Northwood high schools.

Eric Lee, Bossier City, La., is a senior employee relations specialist in human resources at Sam's Town Casino and Hotel in Shreveport.

Ginnie Valentine Locke, Pineville, La., is practicing dentistry in a group practice with Drs. Edwin White and Tom Hathorn.

Todd Patton, Overland Park, Kan., is regional vice president with the Hartford Financial Services Group. He and Aubrie Marie Abbitt Roggero married on October 27, 2007.

Maria Saucier, Pineville, La., is a podiatrist.

Stephanie Stodghill, Houston, is employed by The Fusselman Law Firm, PC.

Jackie Eiswirth Tisdell, Prairieville, La., is

Monique Cousins '98 and Jules Hoffmeister pictured at the New Orleans Holiday Reception.

Hostess Catherine Harper '78 visits with prospective student Sarah Hazlett and her mother Caroline Hazlett at the Dallas-Fort Worth Holiday Reception.

Leslie Russell '77 and Pete Matter '74 at the Dallas Holiday Reception hosted by Catherine '78 and Paul '79 Harper.

executive director of student development and communications of the University of Louisiana system. She and husband, **Eric Tisdell '00**, have a one-year-old son named Jackson Eric.

Angie Watkins, Shreveport, La., earned Louisiana teaching certification in journalism as well as national certification from the Journalism Education Association.

Danielle West, Washington, D.C., was promoted to assistant director of policy research at NARAL Pro-Choice America.

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Lindsay Atkins, Shreveport, La., is a constituent caseworker in the office of Congressman Jim McCrery.

Sarah Bracken, Dallas, is now working in commercial and investment real estate.

Ashley Carter, Dallas, is a consultant for KPMG.

Evette Barnes Hill, APO, AE, took a bit of a vacation from December 15, 2005, to April 2006, spending Christmas with her family and relaxing her way through Medical Service Corps Officer Basic Course (OBC) at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. Her first assignment took her to Fort Riley, Kan., in the position of evacuation platoon leader for Charlie Company, 610th Brigade Support Battalion. Somewhere between UMO class and deployment training, Captain Daniel (Allen) Hill became the highlight of her Kansas experience. After a brigade field training exercise and a Nation Training Center rotation in California, she proudly changed her name from 2LT Evette C. Barnes to 2LT Evette B. Hill. A Destin wedding was immediately followed by a honeymoon in Kuwait when her battalion was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq. She is currently the executive officer and evacuation platoon leader of a troop medical clinic just south of the Green Zone. She was promoted to first lieutenant on June 17 and was able to be pinned by her husband. She also enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, bicycling (she has completed the MS 150 in Houston and Topeka), and boating when she is not covered in dust. She and Allen look forward to their return to Kansas and their next duty assignment!

Larry Loocke, Katy, Texas, is the Allegro software manager for Dow Chemical Company North America.

David McCormick, Keithville, La., is an insurance adjuster.

William McDearmont, Shreveport, La., is the news technical director for KTBS-3/KPXJ CW-21, Shreveport.

Lauren McKnight, New Orleans, is an attorney.

Rolin Moe, Los Angeles, has been living in Los Angeles, working in the film industry and as a literary agent for screenwriters for the past two years. He teaches different media skills to students with language or auditory processing problems, dyslexia, and ADHD at a great school for kids with learning disabilities: "The learning differences are stripped away when they get to use the tools of media, so it's pretty fantastic," said Moe. He has also been working on a book and doing some freelance editing on the side. He has also met the woman of his dreams, "a yoga instructor who loves vegetarian entrees, T.S. Eliot, horse racing and intellectual conversation. We're getting married in September in a small ceremony out in Malibu."

Amanda Morgan, Dallas, is a retirement systems analyst for ISC Group, Inc.

Carolyn Morris, Dallas, is a business analyst for Jack Henry & Associates.

Landon Ogilvie, Longview, Texas, is a partner with Gans and Smith insurance agency.

Lee Parker, Cedar Park, Texas, is working as a web software developer at Small World Labs.

Dawn Crider Peterson, San Antonio, currently works for Booz Allen Hamilton as a support contractor to the government, where they buy electronic systems for airplanes from various defense contractors. She and her husband, **Johnathan Peterson '01**, had a beautiful baby boy named Gavin on June 24, 2007. He is the highlight of their life!

Lee Powers, Grand Forks, N.D., is an associate attorney for the law firm Pearson, Christensen & Clapp, PLLP. Her areas of practice include insurance defense, personal injury, and medical malpractice.

Sarah Lagersen Sherry, Falls Church, Va., is a project manager for Rippeteau Architects and is working towards getting her LEED certification.

Allen Sihatrai, Bossier City, La., is an active treatment specialist for Northwest Supports and Services.

Kristy Sullins Starr, Fort Wayne, In., is a physical therapist assistant for Theracare, Inc.

Courtney Patterson Stephens, Houston, is a senior commercial analyst for Marathon Oil Company.

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Abby Broussard, Grayslake, Ill., is an assisted study hall coordinator at Marengo Community High School in Grayslake.

Jason Burnham, Bryan, Texas, is a senior pastor for the United Methodist Church. He and his wife, **Lauren Herndon Burnham '02**, have two children: Addison, 3; and Aidan, 1.

Nikki Doughty, Garland, Texas, is the senior copywriter with Imaginuity Interacvite, Inc., an award-winning ad agency located in the historic Deep Ellum area of downtown Dallas.

Melissa Duplantis, Chicago, finished her first full year as a clinical psychology doctoral student with a 4.0 GPA. This year, she is in classes and practicum. She has started an externship at a psychiatric hospital in Chicago where she administers tests to children and adolescents in the unit. She has also been conducting applied behavioral analysis (ABA) with one client and therapy with children with behavioral/social skills problems through a community mental health center in the area. She says, "Everything's going well, and Chicago is a fabulous place to live!"

Erin Bryan Eklund, Charlotte, N.C., is currently a human resources information systems manager with Lending Tree, LLC, in Charlotte. Though they miss much about Louisiana, John and Erin have made Charlotte home. They have two miniature schnauzers and are now big Carolina Panthers football fans. "Sorry Saints and Cowboys fans!"

Magan Graham, Norman, Okla., is an associate attorney with Walls, Walker, Harris, and Wolfe, PLLC. She concentrates in the area of workers' compensation defense and represents several employers and insurance carriers in Oklahoma.

John Grand, Dallas, resides in Dallas where he is an attorney with Vinson & Elkins, LLP. His primary areas of practice are corporate finance and securities law, including public and private securities offerings, mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, and other investment activities.

William Hamilton, Westminster, Md., is an investment advisor for T. Rowe Price.

Michael Hicks, Mountain View, Calif., teaches biology at Monta Vista High School in Mountain View (about 30 miles south of San Francisco). He really loves the school. He is also coaching junior varsity basketball and baseball.

Angelique Lasseigne, Arvada, Colo., is a metallurgical engineer working at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in the material reliability division in Boulder, Colo. She received a National Research Council post-doctorate fellowship to work on the development of advanced non-destructive sensors for materials characterization (currently focusing on pipelines) for the next two years. She also began a consulting company, which will be expanded when she finishes her fellowship. "The most exciting thing in my life is my baby boy, who turned one in September," she said.

Keith Lawson, Endicott, N.Y., is a new marketing executive for the eastern branch of Xerox. He and his wife are moving back to the States from Denmark, settling down in upstate New York and waiting for visa paperwork to finish for Marianne. They still have the apartment in Denmark and are almost done with the back-and-forth run over the "really big pond." He is excited to be back and hopes to see everyone sometime this year.

Rebekah Snider Leger, New Orleans, is currently studying international health and development at Tulane School of Public Health.

Travis Leger, New Orleans, has been accepted into the University of New Orleans' creative writing program where he will work toward a MFA specializing in creative nonfiction. Upon graduation in 2002, he worked at a television station editing video for the morning show, played professional soccer in D.C. for a season, and began dating Centenary grad **Rebekah Snider '02**. He moved to Chicago to be with her, moved with her back to Louisiana, and worked as an AmeriCorps volunteer. In February 2005, he and Rebekah married, joined the Peace Corps and served in East Timor for ten months before being evacuated due to civil unrest. In June 2006, they moved to New Orleans where Rebekah began her studies at Tulane's School of Public Health. He has been working with AmeriCorps again with a recovery-nonprofit, where he is the editor of a new magazine called *The Trumpet*. He also coaches a youth girl's soccer team. He writes as much as he can, writing little sketches for *The Trumpet* and occasionally adding to blogs: legersathome.blogspot.com and legersabroad.blogspot.com.

Elizabeth Quillin McLemore, Richmond, Va., and her husband, Aaron, graduated from medical school at LSUHSC-Shreveport School of Medicine on May 26, 2007. She is now a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the Virginia Commonwealth University Health Systems.

Aimee Miceli, Slidell, La., is working for First Premium Insurance Group in Covington as an in-house claims adjuster. She works in the Lloyd's London division and recently became a licensed adjuster in La., Texas, Miss., Ala., Fla., N.C. and S.C. She handles property and personal liability claims. In other news, she plans to marry Kevin McGlone of New Orleans on November 8, 2008.

Katie White Parker, Cedar Park, Texas, is an outreach coordinator for Austin Groups for the Elderly.

Jennifer Watson Philbrook, Austin, Texas has been working in an acute care hospital as an occupational therapist for the past three years. She and her husband have moved to the Austin area with the hope of starting work as an occupational therapist in the pediatric population.

Brad Pinkston, Shreveport, La., is the project manager for EMC Corp. He married his wife, Amber, on February 3, 2007.

Britt Pitre, Atlanta, co-owns Doorway Entertainment.

Jeanne Rasbery, Houston, is a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Kentucky.

Margaret Read, Kenmore, N.Y., is project coordinator for the pediatrics department at SUNY-Buffalo.

Lee Reynolds, Dallas, is in specification sales for Clampitt Paper.

Melanie Russell, New Haven, Conn., is currently one of eight members of the Yale Voxtet, a group of graduate soloists at Yale University in the Institute of Sacred Music. They had a fantastic tour of southwest France last summer and will go to Croatia next summer! She plans to graduate next year with an artist diploma in voice, then perhaps continue an eclectic singing career in early/sacred music and musical theater in New York City.

Leif Sherry, Washington, D.C., received his Ph.D. in chemistry from Northwestern University in Chicago in June. In July, he and his wife, **Sarah Lagersen Sherry '01**, moved to D.C. where he is a research analyst for the Center for Naval Analysis Corporation.

Sarah Williams Shoup, Denham Springs, La., and her husband, Brian, welcomed new baby girl Elizabeth Marie on May 1, 2007. Sarah is currently the minister of youth and education at First United Methodist Church in Denham Springs.

Laura Slack, Houston, is a regional business manager for Exide Technologies.

Christin Lawrence Stoner, Columbia, Mo., and her husband, **Josh Stoner '99**, are expecting their second child in April 2008. Their son, Jarrett Michael, is two-and-a-half years old.

Amanda Taylor, Flagstaff, Ariz., is an occupational therapist working in the acute and inpatient rehab center of Flagstaff Medical Center.

Ben Taylor, Phoenix, is starting his fifth year of coaching at Scottsdale. This past season they finished third at the Junior College World Series in Memphis with a record of 45 and 22. They had eight players sign with major Division-I schools and one signed a professional contract. They were also named Academic All-American as a team for the fourth straight year. Ben spent the summer in San Luis Obispo, Calif., coaching a collegiate summer league team (his second year there). He and his wife, **Mandy Yearwood Taylor '02**, spent their third anniversary in Monterey/ Carmel in July.

Lesley Thull, Peachtree City, Ga., is in the accelerated nursing program at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Anna Walls, Houston, is a regulatory compliance technician for Marathon Oil Company.

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Jean Ancelet, Sunset, La., is currently a third-year medical student with LSUHSC in New Orleans, doing rotations in Lafayette, La.

Caleb Ashley, Fort Worth, Texas, is an accountant for Merit Energy Company.

Sarah Bate, Austin, Texas is presently establishing a nonprofit organization to help musicians receive healthcare. She developed, planned, and directed Jawbreaker Fest 2007, an event that raised more than $4000 to help an area musician receive assistance with medical bills. As a social worker, her day job is case manager with the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center; she will finish her licensed clinical social worker licensure in October 2008.

Tasha Rogers Beale, Spring, Texas, opened GymTastic, a gymnastics club, in 2005, and she now coaches and runs the girls gymnastics program there.

Allison Courville, Dallas, is currently a middle school choir director for the Dallas Independent School District. She is also a member of the Young Democrats of Dallas, the Northaven United Methodist Church, and Reconciling Ministries.

Dan Duzan, Shreveport, La., is employed by Red River Pharma as a quality control chemist.

Patrick Fertitta, Shreveport, La., is an agent with New York Life.

Mariah Mayo Fine, Metairie, La., is a teacher for the Rapides Parish School Board. She and her husband, **George Fine '99**, have a baby girl, Belle Ruth.

Amy Gardner, Baton Rouge, La., is a JD/BCL student at LSU Law Center.

Amanda Holloway, Tyler, Texas, recently completed her master's at the University of Texas at Tyler. She is now a psychology instructor and coordinator of camp and outreach events at Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas.

Lauren Jackson, Nashville, is the project coordinator for AEG Live! (www.aeglive.com), which produces and promotes concerts, tours, and live events worldwide; it is the second largest company in their field in the country.

Elizabeth Lecky, Lafayette, La., is a sales counselor.

Connie Manning, University City, Mo., is a graduate student at Washington University in St. Louis.

Nathan McAbee, San Luis Obispo, Calif., is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch.

Susanna Miller, Norcross, Ga., works at the Bobby Dodd Institute in Atlanta. One weekend a month, she helps lead camping trips with Camp Caglewood, a camping program for adults with developmental disabilities. She is also on the Board of Directors for Friends of L'Arche Atlanta, and she is a very active member of Embry Hills United Methodist Church, where she helps lead the young adult ministry. She is also actively working to organize a Centenary alumni chapter in Atlanta.

Barry Milligan, MBA, Shreveport, La., is vice president of Regions Bank in Shreveport and Centenary's MBA Alumni Chapter president.

Amanda Mustin, Houma, La., began law school at LSU's Paul M. Hebert Law Center in Baton Rouge after graduating from Centenary in May 2003. She graduated from law school in May 2006. After taking the bar exam, she began clerking for Judge George J. Larke, Jr. of the 32nd Judicial District Court and has been there ever since.

Aimee Patrick, Houston, received her law degree from Tulane University. She is currently a commercial negotiator at BP and loves it!

Ben Pierce, Carrboro, N.C., is a grad student in chemistry, making the greatest materials this world has ever seen, at the University of North Carolina. After receiving his Ph.D., he will work in a post-doctoral position. He is also training for a marathon and is a member of the greatest cover band ever.

Merideth Sanders, Chicago, is a student in Northwestern University's genetic counseling master's program.

Randi Smith, Gainesville, Fla., is a third-year doctoral candidate at the University of Florida, specializing in early modern poetry. Currently, she is working on her dissertation and teaching early modern drama.

Amanda Storer, Tyler, Texas, took a year off and went to work for Disney World after graduating from Centenary. This, of course, had nothing to do with her degree but was a blast. She then went to school to be licensed as a physical therapist assistant and graduated last May. She now works at Ellis Rehab Just for Kids in Tyler and enjoys every minute of it!

Kate Stojanova Toma, Birmingham, Ala., is customer relationship manager for the Cardinal Health MedMined services.

Jenny Trahan, Baton Rouge, La., is currently working as an accountant for Hannis T. Bourgeois, LLP, a local CPA firm. She performs financial audits of small businesses and governmental/non-profit entities. She graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in August 2006 with a master's in professional accounting and a concentration in financial reporting and assurance.

Shannon Guzovich Tyler, Manteca, Calif., and her husband, Casey, bought and built their first home in March 2007. Their third child was due on Christmas day, and Casey just began his third year as an officer with the BART Police out of Oakland, Calif.

Seth Winterer, Shreveport, La., is a national sales manager for ReachLocal.com.

2004

Kathryn Applegate, San Diego, and her husband, Brent, traveled to Uganda. To see pictures and read about the trip, visit http://brentkatcali.blogspot.com/2007/08/uganda-in-pictures.html.

Jamie Asbury, Shreveport, La., is a project manager with Avallone Architectural specialties and also runs her own home-based business as a district manager with Arbonne International.

Jeff Broussard, Des Plaines, Ill., is a third-year Ph.D. student at Northwestern University studying the reproductive biology of pathogen-induced preterm delivery. According to Jeff, "they use the mouse as an animal model to give insight into understanding human preterm labor. Preterm labor is one of the biggest taxes on human health and healthcare resources since it afflicts 1:8 to 1:12 infants worldwide and leads to a much higher probability of developmental problems such as respiratory, neurological, and immunological diseases. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of many this problem is only getting worse."

Vanessa Curtis, Houston, is the assistant general manager at Birraporetti's in Houston.

Jennifer Hamblin, Memphis, Tenn., works at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte as a residence coordinator. She lives on campus and supervises the RAs and student desk staff in four buildings.

Kristin Ballard Holland, Fayetteville, Ark., recently finished working at Camp Daniel Boone in Canton, N.C., along with her husband, **Jason Holland '07**. She taught 700+ scouts environmental science over the course of the summer while Jason directed the archery range, instructing more than 1,000 scouts in the sport. She and Jason have relocated to Fayetteville and adopted a new puppy, Haywood, a border collie/cow dog mix. He joins Jenkins, a four-year-old beagle/Chihuahua and Fly, a three-year-old Border Collie mix. Kristin currently works as the office manager and human resources trainee for Integris Tech, an information technology firm in Fayetteville. She also serves as the secretary for the Northwest Arkansas alumnae chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha and is actively working towards establishing a Northwest Arkansas Centenary alumni chapter.

Victoria Kintner, Greensboro, N.C., is a research assistant and third-year graduate student (M.S./Ph.D.) in human development and family studies.

Jennifer Hawkins Laurent, Clovis, N.M., is working as a copy editor for Freedom Newspapers in New Mexico.

Nate Lucena, Chapel Hill, N.C., is a social and clinical research specialist for the University of North Carolina neurocognition and imaging research lab.

Katie McKay, Bossier City, La., graduated from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on May 11, 2007, and returned to the Louisiana Conference as an associate minister at Asbury United Methodist in Bossier City. In February 2007, she was recognized at the annual dinner of Interfaith Action of Evanston as Garrett-Evangelical's Vision Keeper.

Ivy McLemore, Allen, Texas, is the associate director of admissions at Austin College.

Josh Melson, Toms River, N.J., is the associate minister of music for the Presbyterian church of Toms River. He married his fiancée, Kathryn, on August 17, 2007.

Robert Savage, Baton Rouge, La., is studying law at LSU.

Trent Siskron, Houston, is an investment sales associate for NAI Houston.

Ledah Smith, Weatherford, Texas, ran her first marathon on June 3, 2007, in San Diego and plans on many more in the future. She is now engaged to Wesley Welch of Fowler, Colo., and they will wed in Texas in April 2008. She has accepted a position with RadioShack Corp. in Fort Worth as a marketing services analyst.

Christina Taylor, Plainsboro, N.J., is an analytical chemist in Princeton, N.J.

Erin Watson, Alexandria, La., took a year off after graduation, and then went to North Carolina for physician assistant school, which she finished in December.

2005

Lindsey Bellamy, Dallas, serves as a spa receptionist at Hotel Cresent Court and hopes to grow into a hotel management position.

Lisa Bounds, Austin, Texas, teaches for the Austin Independent School District.

Sarah Bowman, Little Rock, Ark., is the financial services manager for the Little Rock campus of the University of Phoenix.

Lindsay Yearwood Campbell, Austin, Texas, is a speech pathologist for the Pflugerville Independent School District.

Elizabeth Coody, Denver, is a master's student and coordinator/consultant for the Writing Lab at Iliff School of Theology.

Laura Daigle, Austin, Texas, works at Hope Chapel College. She is on the college staff, mentoring girls and coordinating student activities for the college ministry.

Steven Deas, San Antonio, is a medical student at UTHSC.

Kylie Garrett, San Francisco, is an account associate for Calhoun & Company Communications.

Kelsey Bellamy Johnson, College Station, Texas, is the communications specialist for the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University. Her job involves maintaining the website and producing brochures, newsletters and other publications. She and her husband, **DeAndre Johnson '04**, are expecting their first child in April 2008!

Lory Kowaleski, Shreveport, La., is a physical education and health teacher as well as a head softball coach.

Kristen Leverett, Houston, is currently an MSII at UT-Houston Medical School. She plans on specializing in pediatrics.

Kimberly Magnuson, Seattle, is a residential counselor (in milieu therapist) at Ryther Child Center, for children ages 10-13 in the foster care system who are undergoing treatment for sexual abuse and other trauma.

Mae Mouk, Washington, D.C., works for the Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner LLP law firm.

Ashley Madden Reagan, Minden, La., works for Madden Contracting Co., Inc.

Deidre Gage Rollins, Shreveport, La., is an adjuster assistant and claims support specialist for Deep South Surplus, a commercial insurance corporation in downtown Shreveport. She handles the processing and mailing of checks to claimants, paperwork for files, deductible billing, review and payment of legal invoices for files in suit, and other clerical and support duties as needed. She and her husband, Lucien, recently bought their first home outside of Blanchard in North Park Estates, and they spend most of their free time remodeling it. They also have a two-year-old boxer named Bismarck.

Megan Saucier, Garland, Texas, is the youth director at Axe Memorial United Methodist Church and is seeking ordination as an elder in the United Methodist Church. She is also a student at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas.

Natalie Schoppe, Denver, married **Blake Adkison '04** who played baseball for the Gents. She is currently in her second year teaching fourth grade; last year in Houston, Texas, and this year in a Denver suburb. She is going back to school at the University of Colorado at Boulder to obtain her master's in education.

Jesse Smith, Elk Grove Village, Ill., is dance and movement therapist for the Streamwood Behavioral Health Center.

Luke Spence, Shreveport, La., worked for Centenary admissions as a counselor and recruiter for two years after graduation. He now works as an acute care medical sales representative for Healthpoint.

Logan Thomas, Abilene, Texas, is in the Caribbean finishing up the basic sciences part of medical school at Medical University of the Americas.

Lauren Thrift, North Little Rock, Ark., is the director of fitness and senior citizens' activities at Heflin YMCA. She also teaches fitness classes and lifeguards, and this summer she taught a music and movement class with the YMCA childcare.

Alison Tolar, Baton Rouge, La., is a sales and underwriting assistant for Summit Consulting, Inc.

Kate Watts, Richardson, Texas, is an operations coordinator and researcher for Major, Lindsey & Africa.

Saige Wilhite, Shreveport, La., left her job with Deep South Surplus commercial insurance company to become the assistant director of alumni relations at Centenary.

2006

Allison DeFatta, Shreveport, La., is a senior sales manager for ReachLocal.

Emily Evans, Malibu, Calif., started the MBA program at Pepperdine University this fall.

Emily Klepper, Shreveport, La., is in medical school at LSUHSC.

Dan Leal, San Benito, Texas, was promoted to a senior executive position with BASF Corporation in July 2006. He serves as a delegate for the company in Mexico near Tampico

Carrie Lombardino, Saint Louis, is a graduate teaching assistant for Saint Louis University.

Amber Monette, Plano, Texas, recently moved to Plano and is pursuing a masters of science in counseling from Southern Methodist University.

Erin Primeaux, Lake Charles, La., is a case manager with the Human Services Response Initiative, working with people displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

LeAnn Russell, Shreveport, La., is a constituent caseworker for Congressman Jim McCrery.

Repsie Schirmer, Richardson, Texas, is currently working as a graduate intern for the Public Services Department of the City of Richardson. As special projects coordinator, she specializes in recycling and water conservation education as well as formulation of city policy regarding recycling and water conservation. She is currently working on legislation making water conservation a statewide mandate. Studying for her master's in public affairs, she was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the public affairs honor society, last May and plans to graduate in May 2008; she will begin law school in Fall 2008. She is engaged to **Jay Alan Jamison '03**.

Emily Argue Stotts, Durango, Colo., is a special needs para-educator at Durango High School.

Mary and Jack Mulkey '61 visit with a prospective student and her mother at the Annual Central Arkansas reception on January 10, 2008.

Jules and Monique Cousins Hoffmeister'98 (center) visit with Becky and Todd '98 Overstreet '98 at the Class of 1998's 10th Reunion on February 23, 2008.

Host Tim Marshall '83 and classmates at their 25th Class Reunion on February 23, 2008.

Diya Surie, New Orleans, is pursuing medical studies at LSUHSC in New Orleans and will graduate in 2011.

Julie Vanderlick, New Orleans, works in the Tulane Office of Health Research on a clinical research study called Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort Study (CRIC).

Jennifer Atchison Watts, Little Rock, Ark., is a second-year medical student.

Martin Watts, Little Rock, Ark., is a medical student at UAMS with his new wife, **Jennifer Atchison Watts '06**.

Tom Williams, Nashville, is the assistant director of operations and engineering of HOK Sports Facility Operations, Evaluation and Analysis Group.

2007

Michael Collette, Fayetteville, Ark., is a field claims representative for Foremost Insurance.

Erica Curry, Winnfield, La., works in the marketing department for Wesla Federal Credit Union and as a bartender for Sharpie's.

Meredith Davis, Houston, is a second grade teacher.

Carlie Duhon, Lafayette, La., is a seismic engineer for Schlumberger in River Ridge, La.

Cameron Feightner, Shreveport, La., is an exercise specialist at Christus Schumpert Wellness Center. He is engaged to **Carly Melvin '05** and they plan to wed in May.

Shannon Gallier, Bloomington, Ind., is a graduate student at Indiana University.

Andy Hitt, Shreveport, La., is a PC technician for the Centenary College IT Department.

Kevin Jenkins, Shreveport, La., married **Patricia A. Harris-Smith '07** on April 14, 2007. He is the Direct Marketing Specialist at The Providence House.

Kacie Lopez, Seattle, is a graduate student at the University of Washington at Seattle.

Katie McNeill, Shreveport, La., is the children's coordinator at First United Methodist in Shreveport.

Tim Nicholson, New York, is a money market and treasury investment specialist for Mitsubishi UFJ Trust & Banking Corporation.

Julia Reynolds, Houston, is a graduate student.

Allyson Sandifer, Austin, Texas, is a graduate student studying in cancer biology.

Daniel Schiff, Shreveport, La., is a petroleum landman at The Mitchell Company, which handles the business side of the oil and gas industry. When an oil company wants to drill, they go in, make sure who exactly owns both the surface and minerals and they negotiate the lease. His ultimate goal is to land an in-house job with a multi-billion dollar oil or gas company.

Roxie Smith, Washington, D.C., is an administrative assistant for Clutch Group, LLC.

Tanya Sullivan-McGee, Benton, La., used her recently earned master's in educational administration to leave the classroom and obtain a math and social studies curriculum coordinator job with Bossier Parish.

Colleen Young, Conway, Ark., is a financial analyst for Windstream Communications.

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Jessica Hayes '05 has been in Tanzania working with the Peace Corps since June 2005. Working in the medical field, she helps promote the prevention of AIDS/HIV in the village of Nagaga, which is in the south Mtwara region. During her time there, she has had many special experiences and met dynamic people, both African and American, including President Bill Clinton. This picture was taken in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Marriages

Catherine Bernard McMenimen ’91, Snowmass Village, Col., and Joe McMenimen, 2002

Kelly White ’88, Topanga, Calif., and Jim Dutka, Nov. 2002

Julie Kammer ’93, Metairie, La., and Dall Kammer, March 2006

Jamie Hearne ’01, Alexander, Ark., and Matthew Irwin, Nov. 5, 2006

Evette Barnes ’01, APO, AE, and Captain Daniel Allen Hill, Jan. 13, 2007

Brad Pinkston ’02, Shreveport, La., and Amber, Feb. 3, 2007

Pat Harris-Smith ’07, Shreveport, La., and **Kevin Wayne Jenkins ‘07,** Apr. 14, 2007

Joel Blakeney ’96, Austin, Texas, and Tami Taylor, May 24, 2007

Suzanna Finnegan-Guyton ’96, Austin, Texas, and Jon Guyton, May 2007

Melissa Guillory Weaver ’04, New Orleans, and Matthew Weaver, June 2, 2007

Merrick Buchanan ’03, Tulsa, Okla., and Gerald Mehan McSwiggan, June 9, 2007

Mary Adler ’79, Bethesda, Md., and Jonathan Adler, June 9, 2007

Stacey Pylkas ’91, Atlanta, and Jeffery Klein, June 30, 2007

Clinton Scates ’07, Keithville, La., and Whitney Baronette, Jul. 7, 2007

Thea Partington ’07, Shreveport, La., and **David James Pennywell ’07,** Jul. 14, 2007

Brent Lutz ’79, Bossier City, La., and Mary Johnson Futch, Jul. 22, 2007

Christy Melton ’03, Jacksonville, N.C., and **Chip LeDuff ’03,** Jul. 28, 2007

Martin Watts ’06, Little Rock, Ark., and **Jennifer Atchison Watts ’06,** Jul. 28, 2007

Greg Woodbridge ’90, Cape Town, and Candice Woodbridge, Aug. 17, 2007

Autumn Frazier ’05, Shreveport, La., and Kevin Andrew Casaus, Oct. 17, 2007

Cindy Gleason Johnson ’81, Shreveport, La., and Neil Johnson, Nov. 24, 2007

Births

Ben and **Kristin Hunsicker ’04,** Shreveport, La., boy, Alexander, Mar. 21, 2007

Chris ’90 and **Marina Vaschekina Sarpy ’97,** Plano, Texas, boy, Dylan Nicholas, June 22, 2006

Eric ’00 and **Jackie Tisdell ’00,** Prairieville, La., boy, Jackson Eric, Aug. 4, 2006

Assaji and **Gretchen Warnock Aluwihare ’93,** Westlake Village, Calif., boy, Ruvan Andrew, Sept. 23, 2006

Greg and **Keelie Hawkins ’94,** Humble, Texas, girl, McKinlee Bryant Davis, Nov. 19, 2006

Chris and **Kim Rogers ’97,** Houma, La., girl, Adrianne Ruth, on Dec. 22, 2006

Rachel Fugatt ’87, Austin, Texas, boy, Seth Gabriel Fugatt-Miller, Dec. 24, 2006

Josh ‘00 and **Alison Culver Bridges ’01,** Spring, Texas, boy, Bejamin Wesley, Jan. 3, 2007

Trisha and **Kenneth Goins ’93,** Lewisville, Texas, first child, Ashley, Jan. 16, 2007

Melanie ’96 and **Michael Finnegan ’92,** Frisco, Texas, girl, Emma, Feb. 2, 2007

Jimmy and **Ashley Maris Holbert ’99,** Houston, boy, Carter James, Feb. 15, 2007

Andy and **Katie Sigler ’98,** Southborough, Mass., girl, Hannah Kate, Feb. 25, 2007

Scott Pollock ’89, Dallas, boy, Christopher Lee Pollock, Feb. 26, 2007

Jason and **Brooke Earles Dunand ’00,** Baton Rouge, La., girl, Julianne Isabella, March 15, 2007

Annelise ’92 and **Warren Clifton ’91,** Shreveport, La., third child, Harper, March 20, 2007

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Amanda and **Chase Waites ’91,** Montgomery, Texas, boy, Peyton Chase, May 4, 2007

Heather Nolan ’00, Gilmer, Texas, boy, Lake Joseph Timmons, May 21, 2007

Kirk Nelson ’97, Boutte, La., girl, Abigail Katherine, May 24, 2007

Michael and **Debra Pratt Snyder ’96,** Cedar Park, Texas, girl, Sarah, June 1, 2007

Eric ’96 and **Paige Emery Horras ’97,** North Little Rock, Ark., boy, Reed Horras, June 12, 2007

Katie and **Donald Little ’94,** Shreveport, La., boy, Wilson Little, June 14, 2007

Trey and **Candice Endicott Gibson ’97,** Bossier City, La., girl, Emilie Michelle Gibson, June 15, 2007

Desiree and **Jonathan Chamberlain ’96,** Charlotte, N.C., boy, Davis Bruce, June 19, 2007

Johnathan ’01 and **Dawn Crider Peterson ’01,** San Antonio, boy, Gavin, June 24, 2007

Rodney ’89 and **Ellen Kent Armand ’95,** Beaufort, S.C., girl, Sarah, July 2007

Connie and **Christopher Jones ’92,** Houston, girl, Vivian Mignon, July 5, 2007

Amber and **David Harris ’96,** Plano, Texas, first child, Aiden, July 11, 2007

David and **Laura Walker Bozell ’01,** Alexandria, Va., girl, Margaret Ginevan, July 14, 2007

Rena and **Mark Badger ’96,** Cave Springs, Ark., boy, Braden Briley, Aug. 7, 2007

Cathy and **Michael Duke ’91,** Milledgeville, Ga., Cameron, Aug. 20, 2007

Meredith and **Marshall Iler ’92,** Cypress, Texas, adopted a little boy a few months ago.

Scott ’97 and **Courtney Dickey Burlison ’98,** Santa Fe, Texas, girl, Molly, their third child, Oct. 19, 2007

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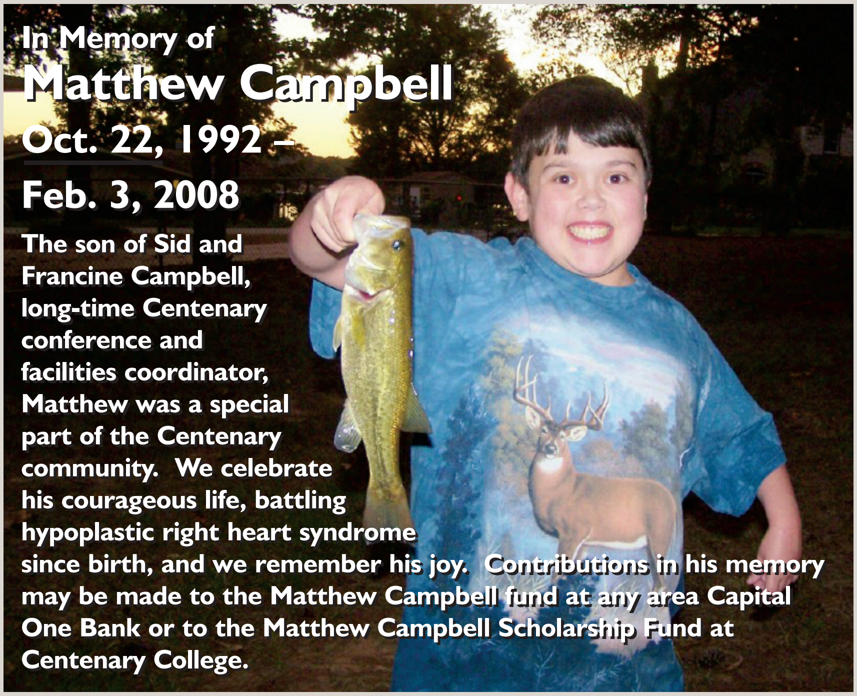

In Memory of
Matthew Campbell
Oct. 22, 1992 – Feb. 3, 2008

The son of Sid and Francine Campbell, long-time Centenary conference and facilities coordinator, Matthew was a special part of the Centenary community. We celebrate his courageous life, battling hypoplastic right heart syndrome since birth, and we remember his joy. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Matthew Campbell fund at any area Capital One Bank or to the Matthew Campbell Scholarship Fund at Centenary College.

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Join the Centenary Alumni Legacy Program Today.

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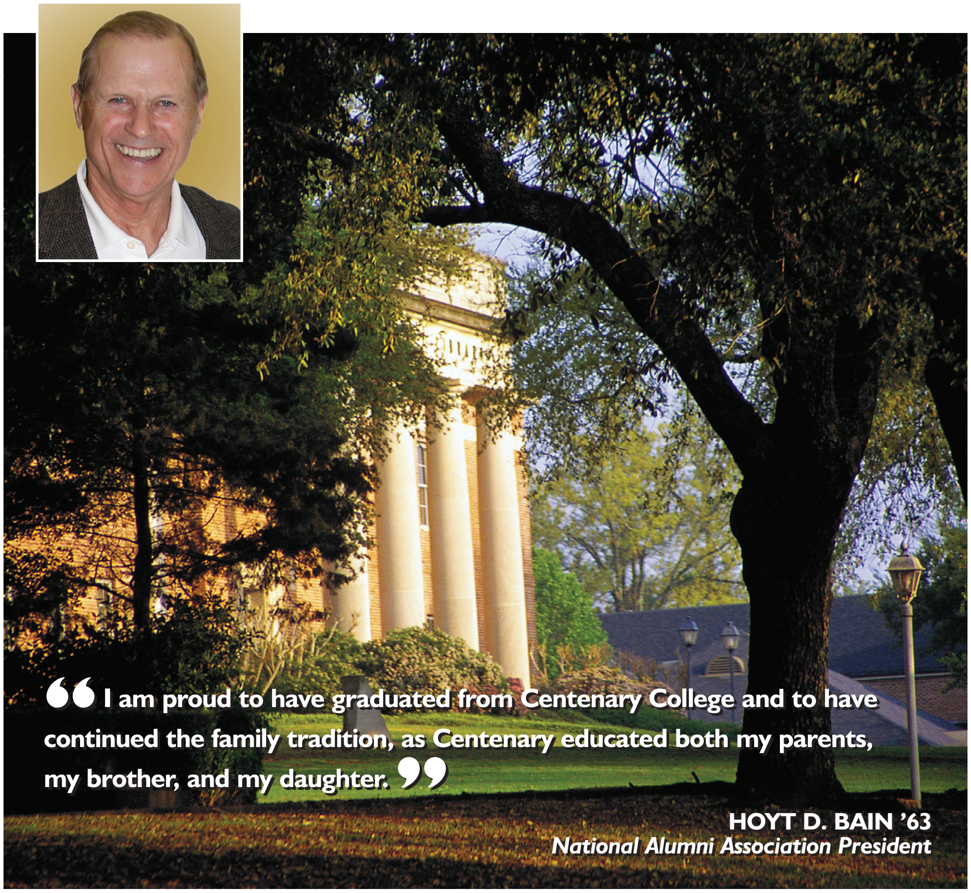

> I am proud to have graduated from Centenary College and to have continued the family tradition, as Centenary educated both my parents, my brother, and my daughter.

HOYT D. BAIN '63
National Alumni Association President

The Centenary National Alumni Association prides itself on keeping its alumni connected to the College and with one another. The Association also endeavors to expand its reach to all members of its alumni families. Once a member of the Centenary family, always a member, and we want to keep it that way for future generations as well. Please share information about your children with us so that we can update our records and stay better connected with future Ladies and Gents. We want your children to know that they hold a special distinction here at Centenary as members of an alumni family. Just complete the form below and we will be in touch.

Mark your calendars! Legacy alumni families will be our guests of honor at a special Centennial Celebration event this fall. Centenary is throwing a party for legacy alumni families on Saturday, Sept. 20 during Parents and Family Weekend. To ensure inclusion on the invitation list, please complete and return the contact form below.

Please cut along dotted line and send to the following address or submit online at connect.centenary.edu

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Do you have any memorabilia to share?

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Launching Our Future
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Centenary's Centennial Celebration of 100 years in Shreveport-Bossier will continue through the end of this year. Right now in the Edwin Whited Room of Bynum Commons, you can see an archival exhibit of memorabilia—like the football and license plate pictured here—from our first 50 years in Shreveport. But this exhibit will soon fast-forward to feature items from 1958 to 2008.

Do you have memorabilia to contribute?
Please send jerseys, awards, photos, and other pieces that you would like to have included to:

Office of Alumni Relations
2911 Centenary Boulevard
Shreveport, LA 71104

Or contact the Alumni Relations staff with any questions at 318.869.5028.

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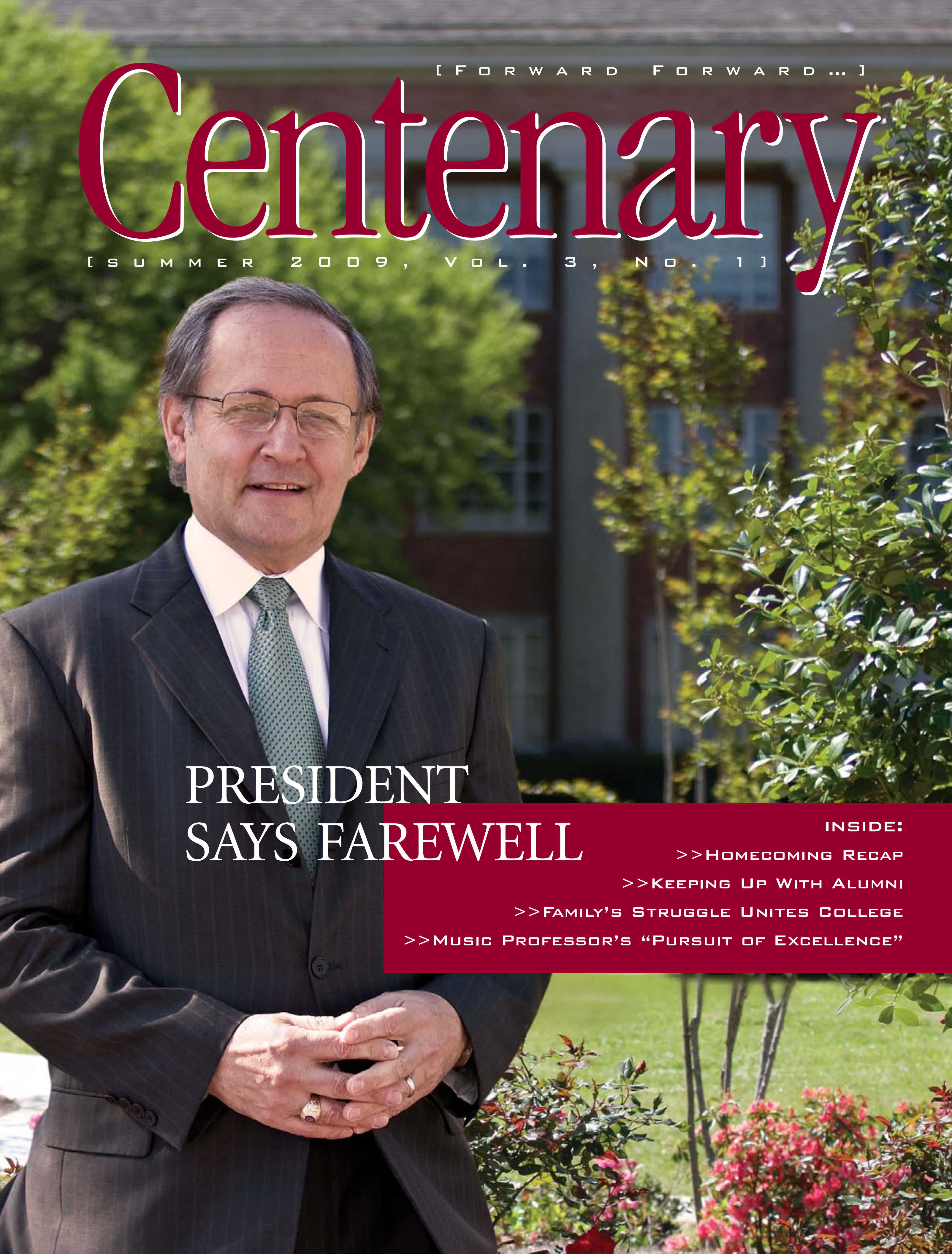

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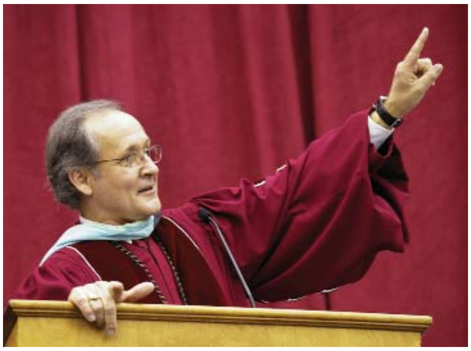

For almost 20 years it has been my privilege to help guide this grand old institution. With the help of many people, including the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and community members, we have laid a strong foundation for the College and its continued high standard of excellence that has allowed us to grow. I am confident that in the years to come, Centenary College will continue the dedication we have shown to the intellectual life of each and every student.

Very shortly, I will be leaving the presidency of Centenary College after 18 years in office. When I took office as Centenary's president in 1991, I was impressed that this was a community dedicated to the individual student. It was also clear that our faculty was dedicated to that pursuit, the Board of Trustees committed to the success of the institution and alumni provided a loyal base of support. None of this has changed, and although some of the faces have changed, our commitment has grown stronger.

Before I depart as your president, I want to reiterate how proud and honored I am to have worked with all of you. Together, we have advanced this remarkable campus and have established—both for ourselves and for others—a wider appreciation for the excellence that characterizes Centenary College. Our accomplishments are not attributable to any individual president—they are far too great for any one person to claim responsibility—but rather are the product of a talented and committed community of faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, Trustees, friends and supporters.

My last official act as president was presiding over commencement, which for me, was bittersweet. I have awarded degrees to the best and brightest students in the country and I know Centenary will continue to serve this community long after I depart. Please know that for the rest of my life I will always be a *Gent* and will have Centenary Maroon in my veins!

Let me say one last time that this is an outstanding College, astonishing in many aspects, and staffed by great people. Thank you again for your good wishes and many gestures of support. Your friendship and kindness have meant the world to me and my family. I will never forget you, the Centenary family, and the wonderful experiences we shared.

With warmest regards,

Kenneth L. Schwab
President

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Cool people visit Centenary

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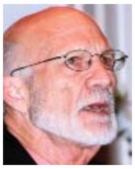

Dr. Stanley Hauerwas

America's foremost Christian ethicist and Centenary Attaway Scholar for Civic Culture Dr. Stanley Hauerwas delivered a lecture on campus entitled *War and the American Difference,* and was the keynote speaker during the Christian Leadership Center's annual fundraising dinner. Named "America's Best Theologian" by *Time* magazine in 2001, he has written more than 25 books on Christian ethics, theology and pacifism, many of which are collections of essays. He is a United Methodist theologian, ethicist and professor of law, and is currently the Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke Divinity School.

Paul Muldoon

Pulitzer Prize winning author Paul Muldoon received the 19th Annual Corrington Award for Literary Excellence. A former Professor of Poetry at the University of Oxford, he is currently Howard G.B. Clark '21 Professor in the Humanities at Princeton University where he is Chair of the Lewis Arts Center and Chair of the Fund for Irish Studies. Muldoon is also the current Poetry Editor for *The New Yorker*. The Pulitzer Prize winning poet has crafted stanzas and verses since his midteens, and in 2003, he won the Pulitzer Prize for *Moy Sand and Gravel.*

Dr. Barry van Driel

Attaway Fellow in Civic Culture Dr. Barry van Driel presented a lecture on Immigration and Emigration in North America and Europe: Comparative Patterns, Challenges and Opportunities. Van Driel is the Secretary General of the International Association of Intercultural Education and the International Director for Curriculum Development, Anne Frank House.

Dr. Alfred Mele

Free will and neuroscience collided when philosopher and author, Dr. Alfred Mele took up the debate whether all our actions are determined or are we free to make our own moral choice, during the annual Forum hosted by the Philosophy department. Dr. Mele is the William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy at Florida State University.

A.P. Tureaud Jr.

On Jan. 20, students, faculty and staff witnessed history when the country's first African-American President, Barrack Obama, took the oath of office. Following his speech, Centenary College Attaway Scholar in Civic Culture, A.P. Tureaud Jr., son of famous civil rights attorney, A.P. Tureaud Sr., spoke about his experiences as part of *Dream Week 2009: Keeping the Dream Alive.* Tureaud gave a powerful look back at what his life was like in the early 1950's as the first African-American to attend LSU in Baton Rouge.

New Dean, new communication tools

This year we welcomed the new Dean of Student Life, David Womack. With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, he hit the streets running. Since he has been here, Dean Womack has created a number of new communication tools to keep both students and parents informed of what is happening at the College. Check out the "Dean's Blog" and "Parents as Partners" electronic newsletters. Both can be found at centenary.edu/life.

Members of the Centenary basketball team pose with Lang and Globetrotter teammate "Big Easy" Lofton.

Cities Honor Harlem Globetrotter Herb "Flight Time" Lang '98

Herb "Flight Time" Lang '98, was the guest of honor when Bossier City Mayor "Lo" Walker and Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover officially proclaimed Jan. 22, as Herb Lang Day. The mayors presented a joint proclamation to Lang, who is now in his 11th year as a Harlem Globetrotter.

Lang attended and played basketball at Centenary College, graduating with a degree in health sciences and physical education. He later went on to win the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Slam Dunk Contest his senior season. Shortly thereafter, he was invited to the Harlem Globetrotters training camp, and has been entertaining millions of fans across the globe.

(L-R) Herb Lang '98, Centenary Head Basketball Coach Greg Gary, Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover and Bossier City Mayor "Lo" Walker

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MLK DAY

Dream Week Community Project Garners Awards

On Jan. 24, a group of Centenary students, faculty, staff, and alumni came together to serve their local community in a unique way by participating in a school beautification project for the students of Stoner Hill Elementary School—a local public school in the Shreveport community. The event was part of Dream Week 2009, a week-long celebration remembering the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Southwest Affiliate of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls and the National Association of College and University Residence Halls recognized this year's MLK Service Day as both the Regional Winner and National Winner of the Community Service Program for the month of January 2009.

The event was nominated by student Aleksandra Kasztalsa and Centenary's chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary. They competed against service projects sponsored by colleges and universities from across the nation.

MLK Service Day 2009 was organized and sponsored in collaboration with Centenary's Office of Community, Career Services, Intercultural Engagement, Christian Leadership Center, Alumni Relations and Student Life.

Centenary Receives Notice of Accreditation

Centenary College received official notification in December 2008 of reaffirmation for full accreditation status from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The announcement came during the college's Centennial Celebration year, with the reaffirmation taking place every 10 years for schools that are SACS members.

"We are very pleased with the outcome of the reaccreditation process and the outstanding review we received," said Dr. Ken Schwab, President of the College. "We are grateful for all the hard work by our staff and faculty throughout the year-long process. This really is the result of outstanding efforts by our entire team at the College and across the campus. Centenary has long been known for academic excellence and premier student preparation and we take pride in continuing this great tradition."

Judy Garland
Me
Katharine Hepburn

23rd Annual Book Bazaar

It's time once again to start collecting and donating books for the 23rd Annual Centenary Book Bazaar, which makes its return to the Gold Dome, Sept. 11-13. This event draws book lovers from all around the region and raised more than $50,000 last year. The Centenary Muses have been hard at work and report that they are expecting nearly 60,000 books for sale. This number does not reflect all the DVDs, videos, LP records, cassettes and games. New this year is a special room set aside for nearly 500 books on Louisiana and books by Louisiana authors.

If you have books you would like to donate, you can drop them off at the Centenary College Book House at Centenary Square Aug. 10. For more information call 318.219.3409.

Six Centenary Alumni Named to Shreveport's "40 Under 40" List

Six Centenary College alumni were among 40 young professionals from the local area honored by the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and named to the 2008 class of "40 Under 40."

The 40 Under 40 Award recognizes successful young professionals from Northwest Louisiana for outstanding professional achievements and community involvement.

ARMSTRONG

Six alumni are among the honorees. They include Centenary's Dr. Shelley Nicole Armstrong '02, Scott J. Auer '94, Geoffrey "G.B." Cazes '02, F. Cole Lollar MBA '03, Adam H. Sistrunk MBA '05 and Angela L. White '93.

In 2007, the College was represented in the 40 Under 40 awards when three alumni were honored. They included Allison DeFatta MBA '06, Jeffrey Everson '01 and Tyler Speckman '99.

Pictured above are (L-R) Jeffrey Everson '01, Adam Sistrunk MBA '05, Scott Auer '94, Tyler Speckman '99, Angela White '93, Allison DeFatta MBA '06 and G.B. Cazes '02.

College Now on Twitter and Facebook

Want to keep up with what is going on at the College? You can now get updates on Twitter and Facebook. These two social networking tools allow us to communicate with our students, parents, alumni, community members and prospective students. With Twitter, we can answer the simple question, "What is going on at Centenary?" We'll send out "tweets" during the day to let you know in advance of events and news taking place on campus in 140 characters or less. You can find us online at http://twitter.com/centenary_com. While online, check out our Facebook page. You'll find photos, video, news, events and links back to the College's web site.

Front row (L-R) Charles Eddy, Britt Pitre '02 and Josh Howard. Back row (L-R) Elizabeth Lyles, Dr. Dana Kress and Leah Sayad '09. Not pictured is Carrie Lombardino '06.

Student Video Worth $5,000

A video submitted by three present and two former Centenary students has won a grant in the amount of $5,000 from the Centre de la Francophonie des Ameriques for the best student project.

Charles Eddy, Elizabeth Lyles, Leah Sayad '09, Carrie Lombardino '06 and Britt Pitre '02, submitted their original video and competed against entries from across Canada, the U.S., Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

The students represented a group of 30 Centenary students who have worked for five years on an anthology of Franco-Louisiana poetry that will be printed and distributed for free to every high school in Louisiana. The grant will be used to publish the anthology, as well as hire an editor and pay for printing of the materials.

As this magazine goes to press the video has won another award, a Prix Spécial, from the Louisiana Department of Education and the French Consulate of New Orleans. That award will be given at a dinner hosted by the French Consul, Monsieur Olivier Brochenin, in New Orleans.

Regents Award $1 Million for Additional Endowed Professorships

Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Sally Clausen made a visit to Centenary in October to present a ceremonial check in the amount of $1,040,000 to the College for endowed professorships approved in 2008.

The state matched funds for 26 new endowed professorships which helps higher education institutions recruit highly sought after scholars and research faculty both locally and from across the country.

"Of the 32 professorships we proposed, 26 were matched," said President of the College Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab. "When the last six are approved, we will have 99 endowed professorships and seek the 100th which seems appropriate since we recently completed our Centennial anniversary here in the Shreveport-Bossier community."

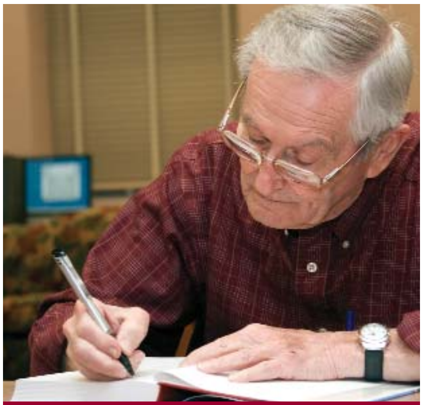
The new professorships include The Centenary College Centennial Visiting Endowed Professorship in Religious Studies, a gift from Dr. Bobby J. and Bettie Fox Hollingsworth '49; the Dr. Anne Brewster Dobie and C. Walter Dobie Endowed Professor in English in recognition of Dr. Anne and C. Walter Dobie from Lafayette, La.; and 24 endowed professorships from the Atkins and Crawford families from Shreveport, whose support for the College goes back at least 100 years. The professorships include 10 Atkins Family Centennial Endowed Professorships; 10 Crawford Family Centennial Endowed Professorships; and four John W. Atkins Centennial Endowed Professorships.

(L-R) Laura and Ed Crawford III H'02 receive a plaque honoring the family's commitment to the College from Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Sally Clausen and President Schwab H'02. The Crawford and Atkins families were responsible for the establishment of 24 endowed professorships in 2008.

Students Inducted Into National Honor Society

Centenary College recently inducted 17 students into the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, a general honor society limited to the top 10 percent of an institution's juniors, seniors, and graduate students.

This year's inductees are Justin Atkins '08; Lauren Cheaney, '09; Julia Cornelius, '09; Lorna Dopson, junior; Danielle Dupree, '09; Derek Fogleman, '09; Richard Lopez, junior; Katie Matza, '09; Colin Miller, junior; Sarah Mirfakhraee, '09; Hannah Moore, junior; Andy Osborn, junior; Jennifer Pate, junior; Kari Patterson, '09; Ashley Rawson, junior; Amos Sit, '09; and Chrissy Venditte, '09.



Professor Chronicles History of College in New Book

Dr. Lee Morgan H'96, Professor Emeritus of English at Centenary College of Louisiana, has authored the book, *Centenary College of Louisiana, 1825-2000: The Biography of an American Academy,* which takes an in-depth look at the precarious history of the College over a 175-year period.

Published by Centenary College of Louisiana Press, Morgan's book is the first history on the College to be written since 1930, and took more than seven years to research and write.

Morgan combed through extensive amounts of materials such as faculty and trustee minutes dating back to 1825, Louisiana Methodist Church archives, and local newspapers, for the information in the book. But, according to Morgan, a majority of the information came from the school newspaper, *The Conglomerate,* and the yearbook, *The Yoncopin.*

To get your copy, stop into the College Bookstore, Tower Book Shop on Line Ave. in Shreveport, or call David Henington at 318.869.5151.

College Named to Presidential Honor Roll for Community Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service recently honored Centenary College for a third year in a row with a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to America's communities.

"Since this award first began in 2006, Centenary has been recognized as an institution where service to our local community isn't just something we say, but it's something we consistently do," said Chris Lavan '06, Director of Service Learning . "I am proud both as the director of service learning and as a Centenary alumnus to have a part in the College's efforts of giving back to those members and organizations in the community that need it most. Being recognized for this award since its inception is both an honor and a privilege that clearly shows Centenary's commitment to serving the surrounding community."

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

The many projects the College was honored for include traveling to Nicaragua to assist in both the community and local school system, and the "After School for All" program where students from the Health and Exercise Science program volunteered at Creswell Elementary School to help grade-school children increase their participation in physical activity.

The Christian Leadership Center was also highlighted for its work not only with local churches and religious organizations, but also for its fall 2007 mission trip to New Orleans, spring 2008 mission trip to Mexico, and summer 2008 mission trip to Belize in which they assisted in efforts to rebuild those communities through housing and infrastructure improvement projects.

The College was also recognized for the many projects accomplished by the student-athletes for their continual work with Shreveport and Bossier City youth. Also receiving recognition was Centenary's Student Government Association's "BIG Event." The purpose of this event was to bring students, alumni, faculty and staff together for one big community service and improvement project in the Highland Neighborhood. This event is the first of its kind at Centenary and in its first year turned out to be a great success bringing 280 volunteers together to produce more than 1,000 hours of service in one day's time. "College students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy," said Dr. Ken Schwab, President of the College. "Our students are tackling the toughest problems across the state and across the country, demonstrating their compassion, commitment, and creativity."

Intercultural Engagement Expands Opportunities

There are many ways to live across the globe—the enlightenment gained through direct interaction with other cultures is one of the keys to a complete education.

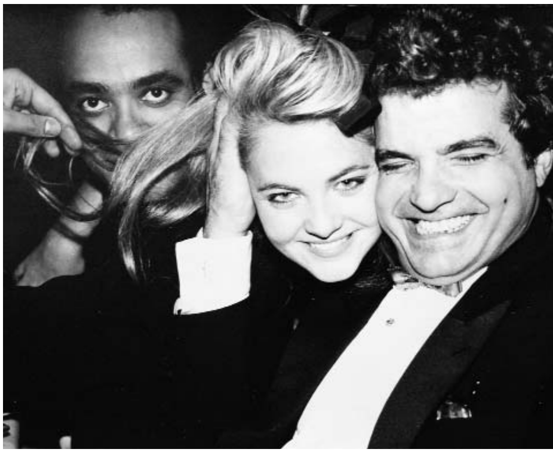
No one knows this better than the students from Centenary who have had the opportunity to study abroad with ever expanding opportunities.

Students now have the opportunity to study business and language in a specialized setting in France. We have added the Institute of International Business and Languages (ESTICE) to our existing exchange agreement with the Catholic University of Lille. Students can take business courses in English and French. The school also offers Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese and Italian language courses. This exchange was facilitated by Julie Defretin, a former exchange student to Centenary from Lille, who is now the head of the international programs office of ESTICE.

April Valentine, director of intercultural engagement, recently visited six Chinese universities as potential exchange partners as part of an Associated Colleges of the South delegation. The ACS received a grant from the Luce Foundation in 2007 to create programs in China.

If you have recently lived intercultural experiences, enter the new intercultural photo contest. Learn more from the Intercultural Engagement website at centenary.edu/plan/intercultural. The deadline for this year's contest is Oct. 2, 2009.

Andy Warhol Photographic Legacy Project Brings Rare Exhibit to Meadows



More than two decades after his death, the works of iconic pop artist Andy Warhol continue to live on.

For three short months, Centenary College's Meadows Museum of Art featured its own piece of that legacy with *(extra) Ordinary: The Photographs of Andy Warhol,* which featured 155 photographic images taken by Warhol, whose best-known works include his 1960s paintings of Campbell's Soup cans and Marilyn Monroe.

The exhibit was made possible courtesy of the Warhol Photographic Legacy Project which commemorates the 25th anniversary of the Warhol Foundation's establishment. Centenary College was one of 180 colleges and universities across the country selected to be a part of the project.

"Warhol defined Pop Art and this collection of Warhol works is truly one of the cornerstones of the modern art collection housed in the permanent collection of the museum," said Diane Dufilho, director of Meadows Museum. "We are proud to have been selected as one of the Warhol Photographic Legacy Project recipients, and will both display the photographs and use them as teaching tools."

Even though the collection is not on display, guests who wish to view the photographs can request to see them during normal hours at the Museum Gift Shop.

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Education Beyond the Classroom

Spring Semester 2010

CENTENARY ALUMNI TRAVEL

The Office of Alumni Relations announces this exciting and educational alumni travel opportunity planned for Feb. 8-17, 2010, with Will Andress '61 as tour leader. The tour includes two nights in Lima in a hotel facing the Pacific; two nights in Sacred Valley and one in Machu Picchu Town (for a total of three nights in this spectacular region of Machu Picchu); two nights in Cuzco; and two in Puno on Lake Titicaca. A highlight of the trip is a tour of the ancient Incan ruins of Machu Picchu (discovered just under 100 years ago), located high in the Andes Mountains.

The package includes round trip flights from Shreveport to Lima, Peru, on Delta Airlines and internal flights on Lan International Airlines; nine nights in first-class and deluxe accommodations; breakfast daily and other meals as per the itinerary; and entrance fees for guided sightseeing. There will be porterage of one bag per person with a limit of 44 lbs. Trip cost is $5,485 with members of AARP receiving a deduction of $105 per person. Make a $500 deposit to reserve your place and another payment of $2,000 in July. Final payment is due in late November, with checks payable to Globe Travel.

Spaces have already started to fill up for this *Centenary Alumni Travel: Education Beyond the Classroom* opportunity. If you would like to travel with fellow alumni and learn first-hand about this intriguing and somewhat mysterious place, e-mail Carla E. Alsandor, director of alumni relations at calsando@centenary.edu.

> “Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind.”
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> — SENECA

Students travel cross country presenting research projects

Students from Centenary College have been traveling cross country recently presenting their student research projects on subjects ranging from economics to chemistry. They have made stops in Chicago, Albuquerque, Dallas, Salt Lake City, Memphis and Washington, D.C.

John Hafer '09, a senior Finance and Economics major, and **Dr. Helen Sikes,** Professor of Accounting and Finance in the Frost School of Business, presented a paper entitled "Executive Participation in Fraudulent Financial Reporting: The Behavioral Influence of Options in the Compensation Package" to the Midwest Finance Association's Conference in Chicago, March 2-4. The study identified the significant predictive power of options in the structure of executive compensation when used to deter corporate officers from participating in and promoting the illegal behaviors of insider trading and fraudulent financial reporting.

Hafer also presented a paper at the annual meetings of the Western Social Science Association in Albuquerque, N.M. His paper was titled "The Predictive Ability of the List of the Top 100 Blue Chip High School Football Players: A Preliminary Examination of their Impact on College Football." He worked primarily under the direction of **Dr. Harold Christensen,** professor of economics with econometric advice from **Dr. Elizabeth Rankin,** professor of economics.

Quinn Larwood, a junior Economics major, traveled to the Economic Scholars' Program for Undergraduate Research at the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank with **Dr. Rankin** and **Dr. Christensen** on March 27. The conference was a one-day undergraduate economics research conference co-sponsored by Austin College and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and provided students the opportunity to share and gain feedback on their original research. Larwood served as a discussant this year in hopes of presenting his Honors project at the conference next year. Other students that attended the conference were from institutions such as Austin College, Southwestern University, Furman, the University of Dallas, Macalester College and Baylor University.

Nine students present at American Chemical Society

Nine students traveled to Salt Lake City in late March where they presented papers at the American Chemical Society National Meeting and Exposition. The event attracted more than 10,000 chemists, chemical engineers, professors, undergraduate and graduate students, and other related professionals. "What is interesting to note is that these nine students that attended this conference represent one percent of our student body, a claim that few institutions can make," said **Dr. Tom Ticich,** Chair of the Chemistry Department.

Jessica Garza '09, biophysics major, and **James Nolan '09,** a physics major, presented a poster on "Structural Characterization of Ligand-Bound Glucose/Galactose Binding Protein." They are both working under the direction of **Dr. Troy Messina,** Assistant Professor of Physics.

Cara Miccoli, junior biochemistry major, presented "Synthesis of beta-ketoesters via reactions catalyzed by quinine derivatives," while junior neuroscience major **Andy Osborn** presented "Employing azaferrocene catalysts in the ketene-Claisen condensation of beta-ketoesters." Both worked under the guidance of **Dr. Mary Robert Garrett,** Assistant Professor of Chemistry. Miccoli also presented a poster on the Centenary College chemistry club, and accepted an Honorable Mention award the chemistry club received based on their activities.

Rebecca McMahen, junior biochemistry major, and **Donald Julien,** sophomore biochemistry major presented "Arene-limiting perfluoroalkylation with iron carbonyl compounds." Both are students of **Dr. Joshua Lawrence,** Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Also a student of **Dr. Lawrence, Danielle Crouthers '09**, a chemistry major, presented "Synthesis of fluorescein-appended perfluoroalkyl iron compounds for use as potential biofunctional imaging agents."

Matthew Blanchard, sophomore, and **Lauren Gernand '09**, chemistry major, presented a poster on "Simple flame synthesis of carbon nanostructures for the high school or college laboratory." Both are students of **Dr. Tom Ticich,** Grayson Chair of Chemistry and Chair of the Chemistry Department.

Sam Timpa '09, chemistry major, along with **Oleg Ozerov** from Brandeis University Summer Research Program, presented, "C-H activation of cyclic ethers with (PNP)Ir fragment."

Society of Physics meet at Rhodes

Students traveled to Memphis earlier this year to attend the Society of Physics Students zone meeting at Rhodes College. **James Nolan '09** presented a talk titled "Solvent-Dependent Characterization of the Fluorescent Glucose Analog 2-(N-(7-nitrobenz-2-oxa-1,3-diazol-4-yl)amino)-2-deoxyglucose (2-NBDG)." **Kenneth "Roland" Womack**, junior physics major, and **Richard Lopez**, junior physics major presented a poster of the research they conducted with **Dr. Troy Messina** and **Dr. Mark Goadrich,** Broyles Eminent Scholars Chair in Computational Mathematics. The poster was titled "Design and Construction of an Automated Community Bicycle Loan/Return System."

Neuroscience students travel to Washington, D.C.

Centenary Neuroscience majors **Mark Moehle, Deana Apple '08, Marco Rajo** and **Tyler Smith** presented their research at the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) poster session held during the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience in Washington, D.C. The 2008 meeting drew over 31,000 neuroscientists from around the globe. In addition to the FUN poster session, Moehle presented his project on the main floor of the meeting along side leading experts in his field.

Support for these students was provided by travel awards from the Office of the Provost, the Women's Endowment Quorum and generous donations to the Neuroscience Professional Development Award.

families are like quilts...

WE ALL HEAR "BE A PART OF THE CENTENARY FAMILY." I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE OF BEING A PART OF THE CENTENARY FAMILY AND WHAT IT MEANS TO ME.

by Francine Campbell
Conferences and Facilities Coordinator

We were notified that my son, Matthew, had developed a condition where he did not absorb the protein in his blood and he would need a procedure to try to correct the condition and possibly a heart transplant. Matthew was born with a congenital heart defect, and as a small infant, had three open-heart surgeries and suffered a stroke by the time he was 18 months old. Now at the age of 13 we had no choice but to try any procedure because the outcome was fatal if we did nothing.

We first went to New Orleans where Matthew was born and had all his other surgeries. The night before his surgery the heart surgeon had a brain aneurysm. There was no other surgeon available. We came home and were referred to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. We didn't know what we were going to do. We did not have the finances to fly all three of us to Minnesota, and stay in a hotel for an unlimited time. Our Centenary community and immediate family donated frequent flyer miles, Northwest Airlines generously gave us two free tickets, and money was donated for our expenses. It would have been hard for us to make this trip without this help. I couldn't believe the help we received. You always hear about people helping other people, but when it is you, it is a very humbling experience.

Go Matthew!
Don't Stop

Members of the Centenary College community cheer on Matthew during the filming of "The Rally for Matthew." The video was a gathering of family, students, staff, faculty, alumni, and friends from the Shreveport-Bossier community who gathered to cheer on Matthew during his journey.

After the first procedure, putting a stent in Matthew's artery at Mayo Clinic, they waited six months for the results. Unfortunately it didn't work so we had to go back to Mayo for another trip not knowing what to expect. Would they try something else or would we then have to go on a heart transplant list?

Again, we were in need of help. A staff member donated enough frequent flyer miles for all three of us because Northwest Airlines could not help. Centenary employees and the Muses did not hesitate helping. We were told that a heart transplant was the only solution. What were we going to do? Move to Minnesota, leave our jobs our family? We didn't know what to do.

The doctors in Mayo suggested we might want to have the transplant done in a facility closer to home. We then went to Children's Hospital in Arkansas to check their facility. Neither mine or my husband's insurance company would pay as much because they were out of network. I'm sure everyone has heard that before. So, in a dilemma again, we turned to Children's Hospital in Dallas. Matthew was given multiple tests to get approved to be on a transplant list. He was approved for the transplant but we had to be no more than two hours from Dallas to be on their list. We now had another obstacle to overcome.

Our Centenary family went in to action again. A home on a lake in Longview, Texas was donated for our use and we moved, while my husband Sid and I commuted back and forth to work. He worked nights and I worked days. A bank account was set up by Centenary for donations. Numerous e-mails were sent out to staff, faculty, students and alumni. A benefit concert was organized and put on by the students. Jeans day, cookie sales, and numerous fundraisers were held. Centenary Chaplain Betsy Eaves talked to the local ABC affiliate and they

You Can Do It Matthew!

You Inspire Me, Matt!

CHAPLAIN BETSY EAVES '78

traveled to Longview to do a special segment on Matthew. After the show aired, the Shreveport community went in to action with schools, restaurants and other groups holding fundraising events.

We finally got the call on Nov. 17 that a heart was available so we headed to Dallas. Matthew's first heart operation took 17 hours because of complications. His new heart would not function properly because it took too long to complete the surgery. Matthew was placed on the transplant list again.

Our Centenary family was with us through it all. Sidney was without income from his job. Alumni brought food and money was still coming in. Hotel rooms were donated for our family. People stayed in Dallas to be with us—some came for the day and many called often. Matthew received his second heart and a kidney on Dec. 2. He finally woke up Dec. 23. What a Christmas present!

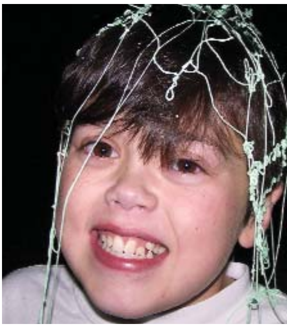
Matthew started improving but after the first of the year we were told that he had contracted a mold infection from somewhere in the hospital or from his room. We were devastated once again. Matthew was fighting the battle, his faith was strong and he continued to smile. As he grew weaker, Chaplain Betsy Eaves visited often and talked to him about the long road he had to follow, but to remember that God would be there for the bumps in the path and his Centenary family and friends were on the side lines cheering him on.

Reverend Eaves returned to Centenary and organized a "Rally for Matthew" to let him know how everyone in his Centenary family and the community were cheering and praying for him. It was a gathering of family, students, staff, faculty, alumni, people from the Shreveport community, and his classmates at Youree Junior High. The end of the path was his home. We cried when we saw the DVD in Dallas. Matthew, as weak as he was, cheered his name with the basketball team, other students, custodians, professors, staff, family, and strangers. We continued to play the DVD throughout the day and night. At 5:35 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 3, surrounded by his whole family consisting of his immediate family, Centenary family and friends, at the age of 15, Matthew left our world and continued his journey to be with our Lord.

When we returned to Shreveport, we again had our Centenary family come to our aid. They provided food and money, cleaned my home and yard, and provided a funeral service for our beloved Matthew that was fit for a king. A service with more than 600 people in attendance was given. A student group, who had written a song for Matthew sang, the Centenary Choir performed, three ministers, and a family member spoke. There was not a dry eye in the Chapel. Matthew's smile, hope and faith had instilled in thousands of people something that was phenomenal.

As a Centenary staff member, I am so proud of where I work. I had never heard of an organization this big coming together with so many other people, making all these great things happen. When a parent of a student wrote me a letter and told me she had followed Matthew's story and how proud she was that her child was attending an institution as great as Centenary, I knew that this was the family I wanted to stay with for the rest of my career.

To give back to Centenary, Sid and I have established a scholarship fund in Matthew's name at Centenary and continue our efforts to raise money for it. I don't think that in Centenary's 184-year-history, there has ever been such a gathering and outpouring of love, from so many, for a member of the Centenary family. I want everyone to know how much we were blessed by their generosity. Always remember Matthew's beautiful smile, his loving heart (all three), his courage, and his faith in God because…



"families are like quilts, lives pieced together, stitched with smiles and tears, colored with memories and bound by love."

Development for Centenary

Gifts to the Centenary Annual Fund Reach New Levels of Importance

Like all other educational institutions and non-profits, Centenary College is rising to the challenge of the current economic climate. Because of the decline in endowment earnings, the College is encouraging all members of the Centenary community to make an annual gift before the end of our fiscal year. These gifts form the foundation of operational support for student scholarships, faculty, staff, technology, buildings, and grounds.

A gift of any amount is important. Giving percentages, especially among alumni and parents, serve as an indicator of satisfaction with the College, affect collegiate rankings, and influence foundations and corporations as they make decisions about whether to award grants to Centenary.

If you have already made a gift to Centenary, please consider a second one before June 30. If you have already made a gift restricted to a certain program or affinity, you might consider a second unrestricted gift for the College to use to its best effect. If you have not made a gift, it is very important for you to show your belief in the mission and future of Centenary with a donation.

Please use the mailer enclosed in this magazine to send in your gift or you can go online at centenary.edu/give to register your support today.

For further information or questions about annual gifts, contact Fred Landry, senior director of annual giving 318.869.5136, flandry@centenary.edu; or Nita Cook, director of annual giving 318.869.5599, ncook@centenary.edu.

On behalf of the College, many thanks for your continued support.

—Fred Landry,
Senior Director of Annual Giving

New Student-Led Giving Society

The William G. Anderson Society is a community of students, alumni, family of alumni, faculty, staff and friends who seek to maintain the high value of a Centenary degree through their promise to give annually, as they are able, for the rest of their lives.

Who is Bill?

- > A Centenary Legacy, Bill Anderson is the son of past Board members, Jake and Gertrude Anderson
- > A 1970 graduate of Centenary College
- > Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the past 10 years
- > Centenary Alumni Hall of Fame in 2001
- > His many generous gifts have made possible the Anderson Choral Building, Anderson Auditorium and Feazel Instrumental Hall
- > In 2008, Mr. Anderson supported the renovation of the residence halls, Turner Arts Center and the Gold Dome
- > Bill loves Centenary!

Why should I give?

- > To sustain and improve programs, technology and student activities
- > Keep Centenary competitive to attract outstanding students and professors
- > Maintain the high value of the Centenary degree
- > Centenary's rankings in national media and success in receiving grants depend on giving percentage
- > As students, we accepted the gifts of others. Now it's our turn to support future *Ladies* and *Gents!*

Look for the senior class matching gifts challenge and the WGA Society power point presentation on the web site at centenary.edu/give.

—Nita Cook, Director of Annual Giving

WGA Society Mission Statement

Fostered by students and facilitated by the Office of Annual Giving, the ***William G. Anderson Society's*** mission is to solicit annual support for Centenary College from its students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends. Through individual promise statements of annual investment, the Society seeks to maintain the high value of a Centenary College degree and to promote the vital importance of giving back to Centenary College.

The Paul Marvin Brown Jr. Society

The Reverend Dr. Jim Moore reminded 80 guests in November that "It's Thanks Giving Time" during the annual meeting of the Paul Marvin Brown Jr. Society. He reinforced the importance of membership and the need to establish a solid foundation that will be vital for the future of Centenary.

Dr. Moore, co-founder of the Centenary School of Church Careers and former adjunct professor, is currently Minister-in-Residence at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, having served for 22 years as senior minister of St. Luke's UMC in Houston where he founded the Fellowship of The Spire – the "society" within St. Luke's culture that made a commitment to include the St. Luke's Methodist Church Foundation through wills and estate plans. At First United Methodist Church in Shreveport, he and Dr. D.L. Dykes co-founded the Eternal Flame Foundation.

The Paul Marvin Brown Jr. Society members have included Centenary in their wills or estate plans, providing essential resources for professorships, scholarships and other programs. For more information about making your legacy gift, contact Ginny Daniel, Director of Planned Giving at 318.869.5038.

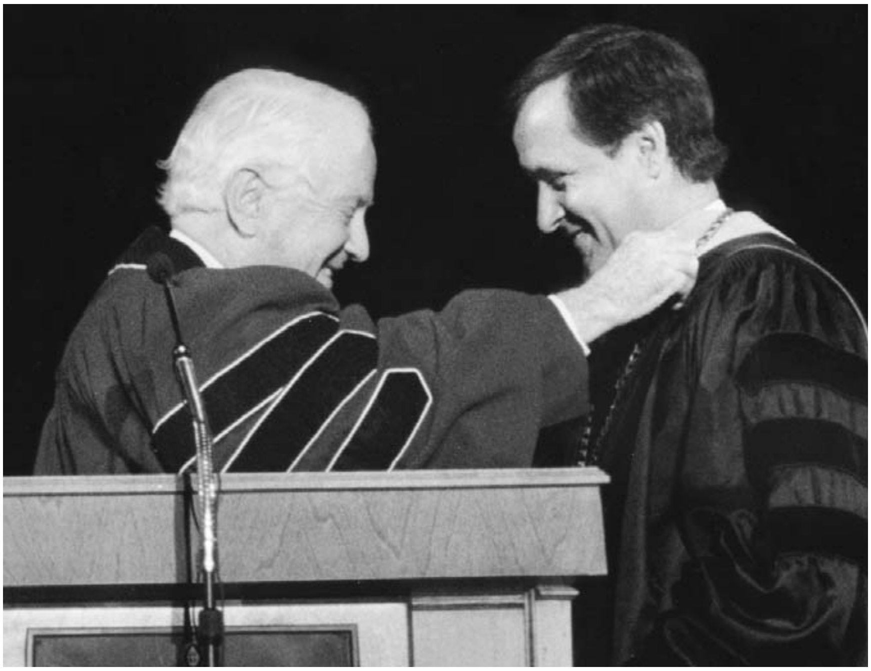
—Ginny Daniel, Director of Planned Giving

A TRUE GENT SAYS GOODBYE:

After 18 years as Centenary's President, Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab Steps Down

BY KATIE MATZA '09

DR. KENNETH L. SCHWAB, THE SECOND LONGEST SITTING PRESIDENT OF CENTENARY COLLEGE, GREW UP ON A DAIRY FARM IN WOLCOTT, INDIANA. GOING FROM A HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 34 TO A COLLEGE CLASS OF 5,000 AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY, SCHWAB FELT LIKE NOTHING MORE, HE SAYS, THAN A "LITTLE COUNTRY BOY, SCARED TO DEATH." LITTLE DID HE KNOW THAT HE WAS ONE COUNTRY BOY BEGINNING A LIFELONG LEGACY OF SERVICE TO HIGHER EDUCATION. »



Kenneth L. Schwab was inducted as the 11th President of Centenary College of Louisiana by then Chairman of the Board of Trustees the late George Nelson.

Long-time supporter of the College and trustee, the late Sam Peters '39 poses with Schwab at Founders' Day Convocation in March 2002.

AN AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING

Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab, arriving on the collegiate scene as uncertain and eager as every Centenary first-year student, wasted no time getting involved in Purdue's thriving student life scene. In addition to dedicating much time and effort to his academic studies—a dedication that was fueled by fear, he jokes—he was also "deeply involved in campus governance and student programming." As a result, he had the opportunity to serve on a small advisory group for the president. It was this involvement, in addition to pledging to a fraternity, becoming involved in campus-wide programs, and gaining exposure to a lot of different groups, that led to his being named the Outstanding Graduating Senior in his graduating class of 5,000 students.

"It was that exposure that made me interested in a career in higher education," he remembers fondly. When asked to be the class representative on the Purdue alumni board, he agreed without hesitation. At the first meeting of the alumni board, Schwab sat next to a man from Guilford College in Greensborough, N.C., who, after interviewing him, offered him a job as the assistant dean of students at Guilford. It was a great beginning for the man who would one day become the 11th President of Centenary College of Louisiana.

FROM DIPLOMA TO DEPUTY

After a few years as assistant dean of students, Schwab became the youngest dean of students ever appointed at Guilford College. Even further, he spent his days at Guilford not only administering student life on campus, but also earning his graduate degree from the University of North Carolina and his doctorate from Indiana University. Soon after, he was asked to serve as assistant to the president for community relations—no surprise, for Schwab has always loved "developing relationships and nurturing peoples' sense of commitment to institutions like Centenary."

And Schwab received his chance to do just that after a six-year stint at the University of South Carolina. He served as a systems officer for planning and institutional research and then as executive vice president for administration. It was in that post that he received the summons from Centenary—the firm conducting the search for the new president contacted Schwab and invited him to consider the position. He put his name in, interviewed as one of 12 potential candidates, survived the cut to three candidates, came on campus for a visit, and the rest is history.

18 YEARS AT THE HELM

"It was a lot different on campus in 1991," Schwab admits, recalling his first days as Centenary's commander-in-chief. "We had a soccer field that also served as a softball field, Rotary Hall was not even being used, Haynes Gym was flooded and didn't have air-conditioning. There are a lot of new buildings now," he continues, "Anderson Choral Building, Feazel Instrumental Hall, the Wright Math Building, two renovations of Bynum Commons, and the recent renovations in the residence halls and the Gold Dome. We've grown, expanded and changed."

When Schwab arrived at Centenary, there was virtually no parking, no computers on campus, and certainly no wireless networking. The College has added academic and other programs including the Family-Owned Business Center, the Center for Civic Engagement and such installations as Service-Learning. Even the coursework that students complete to earn their degrees has changed. "When I arrived, the Centenary Plan had just been approved, but there was no staffing for the Plan—it was more a concept than a plan that could be implemented," Schwab recalls. "We had to begin to figure out how to staff it and how to provide services to the students."

But now, despite all the visible changes to the architecture and the academic curriculum, it seems that the most important facets of the Centenary community have remained the same over Schwab's 18 years. "My first impression," he says warmly, "was that this was a community very dedicated to the individual student, a community that was willing to make major commitments to the intellectual life of the student. The faculty is dedicated to that pursuit, and to excellence in instruction and campus life. It had a loyal alumni base and a Board of Trustees committed to the success of the institution. I don't think any of that has changed. In fact, I think it's grown stronger."

PRESIDENTIAL DUTIES

"Often people say 'how can you raise money? That's just a hard thing to do!' " laughs Schwab when asked about his presidential duties on Centenary's campus. "I view it this way—what I'm doing is giving individuals who have resources the opportunity to give in a way that says something about what's important to them, and to leave a legacy that speaks to that commitment and those values they hold. I think the people that respond have a richer life and greater satisfaction than those who don't."

But fundraising, though important, is just one of the jobs that Schwab has gladly performed for the *Ladies* and *Gents*. Besides reporting to the Board of Trustees and overseeing the administration of the Board's policies, Schwab serves as the head liaison for the College. Responding to external constituents like the American Council on Education and the state or city government, Schwab serves as a permanent Maroon Jacket, always representing Centenary and hosting its visitors and partners in the world of higher education. But he couldn't have done it alone—he has been lucky, he says, to have had "the great assistance of people like the Maroon Jackets, faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees—individuals who have meant so much to me and to this institution, who carry the burden of leadership."

According to Schwab his favorite responsibility has been "spending time

18 YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STRATEGIC PLANNING has been the benchmark of Schwab's administration over the past 18 years. Some of the initiatives have included:

- Formulation of Centenary Plan 2000
- A new First-Year Experience program was instituted
- Master plan for campus renovation and major construction including, gutting and renovation of the historic but outdated Rotary Hall and subsequent reopening of the first coed apartment style apartments; the $9.5 million Fitness Center; the W. Peyton Shehee Baseball Stadium; the Anderson Choral Building and the Feazel Instrumental Hall
- Bynum Commons and Kilpatrick Auditorium received a major refurbishment
- In addition, there have been expansions and renovations of the athletic complex, dinning facility, residence halls, museum collections, and gardens and grounds.
- The Pride of the Athletic Department, the Gold Dome and athletic complex have received major renovations including being resealed and refurbished, and in 2008, received more than $725,000 worth of improvements such as resurfacing of tennis courts, new softball dugouts, and new flooring and stadium style seating in the Gold Dome
- More than $1 million in renovations were completed in 2008 to residence halls and provided upgrades to bedrooms, bathrooms, duct cleaning, new flooring and new furniture
- Formed the President's Advisory Council
- The Energy Business Center launched in 2008
- The College received SACS re-accreditation twice, once in 1998 and again in 2008
- Centenary celebrated the 175th birthday of the College in 2000 and the 100th Anniversary of the College in the Shreveport-Bossier community in 2008
- Center for Family-Owned Business opened in 2004

SCHWAB HAS BEEN A CHAMPION for the success of the College, both in academics and endowments. Some of these accomplishments include:

- The College's endowment has more than tripled
- During the five-and-one half year comprehensive campaign, *Vision for the Future*, nearly $103 million was raised, almost $33 million above its initial goal
- Half of the College's endowed chairs (endowed at $1 million or $2 million each) and all of the endowed professorships have been funded during Schwab's tenure, including one of the state's first $2 million "Super Chairs."
- Broyles family endows two Eminent Scholars Chairs
- The Annual Fund set a record with the rise of alumni giving
- Louisiana Board of Regents matched funding for three Eminent Scholars endowed chairs
- Mattie Allen Broyles Inaugural Year Chair and Webb Chair of International Studies were created

As he approaches the end of a long and successful career as president, Schwab says he likes to “think back to individual students and their impact on *my* life and the kind of unique, wonderful exchanges *we* had about their path as a student at Centenary.”

—DR. KENNETH L. SCHWAB

with students that are passionate about what they’re preparing to do, who are excited about their involvement on the campus and their intellectual journey as well as their spiritual and emotional journey.” Schwab has had the opportunity “to know students as individuals, to get a sense of the student body—both the frustrations and the joys of being a student at Centenary.” This, he says, is what makes Centenary such a special place.

A BITTERSWEET BREATHER

Though the idea of a break after 18 years of hard work is certainly exciting, Schwab approaches his sabbatical and his subsequent relinquishing of his presidential role with slight sadness. Like all those who leave Centenary behind, however briefly, there are things he says he will miss.

As he approaches the end of a long and successful career as president, he says he likes to “think back to individual students and their impact on my life and the kind of unique, wonderful exchanges we had about their path as a student at Centenary. I get a kick out of Founder’s Day,” he continues, “now that we’ve started inviting recent graduates to come back and tell their stories about Centenary. Those moments are precious because they help us realize how it all comes together for young people in their careers and what Centenary has meant to them as an institution.”

Other memories surface, of course; when asked to relate his favorites, Schwab can not choose just one. Not only has he loved the time he spent with individuals on the Board of Trustees and the faculty and staff, but also “events like the opening of the Fitness Center, the dedication of Anderson Choral Building, those sort of opportunities to showcase individuals’ extraordinary commitment to the institution.” And, without a doubt, Schwab will miss the time he has been able to spend in the classroom, switching places for a day with a student or teaching a First Year Experience class, seeing the “real-life interaction of the faculty with the students. Those have always been high moments for me.”

BACK TO THE BOOKS

Luckily for Schwab, and for Centenary, he will get to spend plenty of time in the classroom once he returns from his year-long sabbatical. Taking up his new mantel on the faculty as a professor, he will now experience the College from an academic rather than an administrative point-of-view. “Centenary will always be a part of my life,” he smiles. “I look forward to returning and to my new role on this campus.”

And to the new president, Schwab has wise words of counsel—“I would encourage the new president to cherish the years here in this community, and to allow the many talented people who work for this institution to continue the growth and development of this marvelous College.” Sounds like good advice from a true *Gent!*

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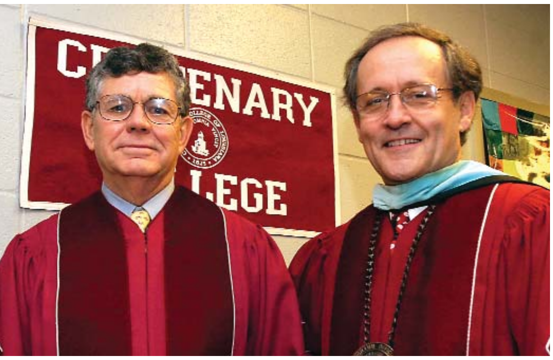
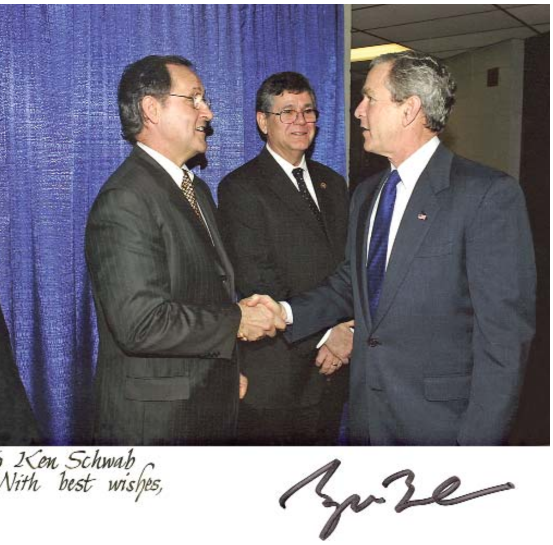
ANDERSON CHORAL BUILDING

FEAZEL INSTRUMENTAL





Left: Dedication of the Anderson Choral Bldg. and the Feazel Instrumental Building.

Above top: Bill Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Dr. Schwab at a graduation ceremony.

Center: Schwab, Anderson and President George W. Bush at a Town Forum held here at the College in May 2005.

Lower: Schwab poses with wife Kathy at the Centennial Gala in November 2008.

Right: Schwab celebrates with students during Homecoming February 2004.

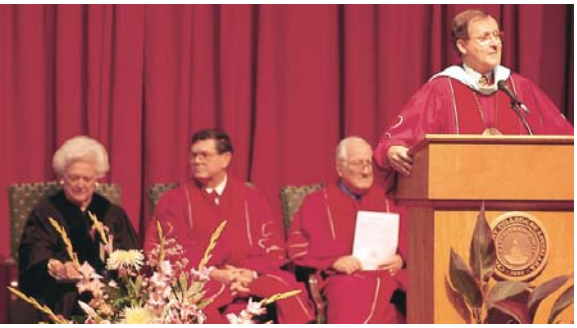
18 YEARS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- College received a $1 million grant from NASA
- PGA donated $100,000 honoring Ryder Cup captain and alumnus Hal Sutton '81, 2004
- Charles T. Beaird Chair of Philosophy created
- The Houston Endowment Inc. grants $100,000 to endow the Jesse H. Jones and Mary Gibbs Endowed Scholarship Fund
- The Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation established the Merrill Lynch Scholars Program
- The Howard Hughes Medical Institute selects Centenary among 52 colleges and universities for $600,000 grant, the largest science grant received by the College
- $1 million Linco Eminent Scholars Chair of Business Administration established
- $1 million Harvey Broyles Eminent Scholars Chair of Computer Science and Mathematics established
- Louisiana Board of Regents completed the funding and awarded the first "Super Chair," the $2 million Biedenharn Chair in Communication
- The Louisiana Board of Regents completed funding for $1 million Sklar Chair in Chemistry and $1 million James Chair in Psychology
- Funding for ten $100,000 endowed Attaway Professorships in Civic Culture completed
- In Oct. 2008, The Louisiana Board of Regents approved funding of $1million for 26 Endowed Professorships, bring the total to 99 endowed professorships
- Since 1991, a total of 101 endowed professorships funded

SCHWAB IS COMMITTED to providing students with a personal environment and well-rounded liberal arts liberal arts experience. This includes the ability to think critically, to ask key questions and to reason and apply good judgment.

- New degree programs in communications, biochemistry, biophysics and neuroscience
- Centenary College was chosen for Project Kaleidoscope of the National Research Council
- The Kellogg Foundation and the ACE choose Centenary among 26 for the Leadership and Institutional Transformation Project
- Information Technology Studies minor was added
- *Ladies* soccer and *Ladies* and *Gents* swimming approved as a varsity sport
- Students earned Fulbright Scholarships, were honored in TAAC for All-Academics, Goldwater Scholarships, and Gates Millennium Scholarships
- Centenary Chemistry Club recognized as "Outstanding" by the American Chemical Society and among the nation's top eight percent

Schwab delivers his final thoughts on being president of the College for 18 years during Commencement 2009. Sitting to his left is Commencement speaker Frank Deford, veteran journalist and commentator. To his right is The Reverend Larry Stafford, minister of the First United Methodist Church of Monroe.



Former First Lady Barbara Bush, Trustees William G. Anderson and Sam Peters, listen while Schwab addresses the 2000 graduates during the 175th anniversary of Centenary.

Schwab is flanked by his sons (L) Carlton and (R) Christopher at his retirement party April 30, in the lobby of Hamilton Hall.

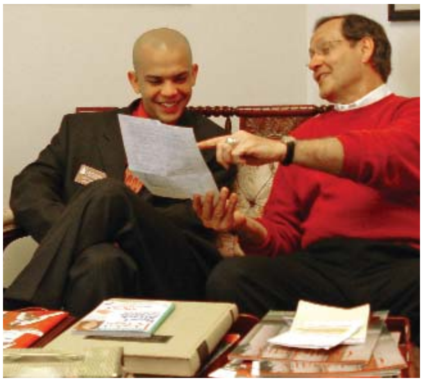
SAYING GOODBYE

At the 2009 Commencement, Schwab was recognized for his 18 years as the leader of the institution and awarded the honor of President Emeritus. After conferring the degrees on the graduates, Schwab took the opportunity to share some brief thoughts about his time at the College. He light-heartedly joked about convocations, weekends, homecomings and commencements as well as board meetings, basketball games and breakfast meetings.

But more importantly, he thanked those responsible for making the College successful; the faculty, staff, Trustees, students and alumni. "We have dedicated new buildings, increased the endowment, strengthened the faculty, and graduated many *Ladies* and *Gents* who now serve this world with wisdom and grace," he said. "I know—more assuredly now than ever—that the success of a college like Centenary depends not so much on the person in the presidency but on all of you. You all are the foundation of this College, and Centenary depends upon you. Thank you for making my job such a delight."

"Now, as I lay down the mantle of the presidency, I look forward to remaining a part of the faculty as a professor. When I entered college administration long ago, I always dreamed of one day returning to the classroom and ending my career there. It will be an honor to teach alongside these fine folks and to remain a part of Centenary for years to come. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for this fine college."

"I count it a privilege to have served the faculty, staff, Board, and, most of all, the students and alumni of Centenary College these past 18 years. As our Alma Mater says, "my heart will love thee ever." Thank you for making me a part of this community."



In 2002 Chip LeDuff '03 served as President for a Day during the president's annual swap day.

> **"One of the greatest memories that I have of Dr. Schwab is when I was president of the College for a day. Trading places he went to my classes… choir practice, and rowing practice… and I went to his meetings for the day. I was able to attend a conference held at Centenary for high school counselors and got to learn a little about what they do to get students ready to apply to Centenary. I also had the opportunity to accept Centenary College into the Mid Continent Athletic Conference at a press conference held in the Gold Dome. He turned the helm over to me and told me that I was the president and that I had to formally accept us into the Conference because I was the president. I turned it over to the students who attended. They enthusiastically accepted.**
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> **It's traditions like selecting a student to be president for a day that make Centenary such a special place. I'd venture to say that most colleges, even small ones with a population like Centenary's, aren't fortunate enough to have a president like Dr. Schwab who is so visible on campus. Not only does he know students by name, he knows what classes they are taking, what their majors are, what activities they're involved in, and how they're doing in general. While Centenary will surely miss him as the president, we're very lucky to have him coming back to teach. It will be difficult to find someone to replace him."**
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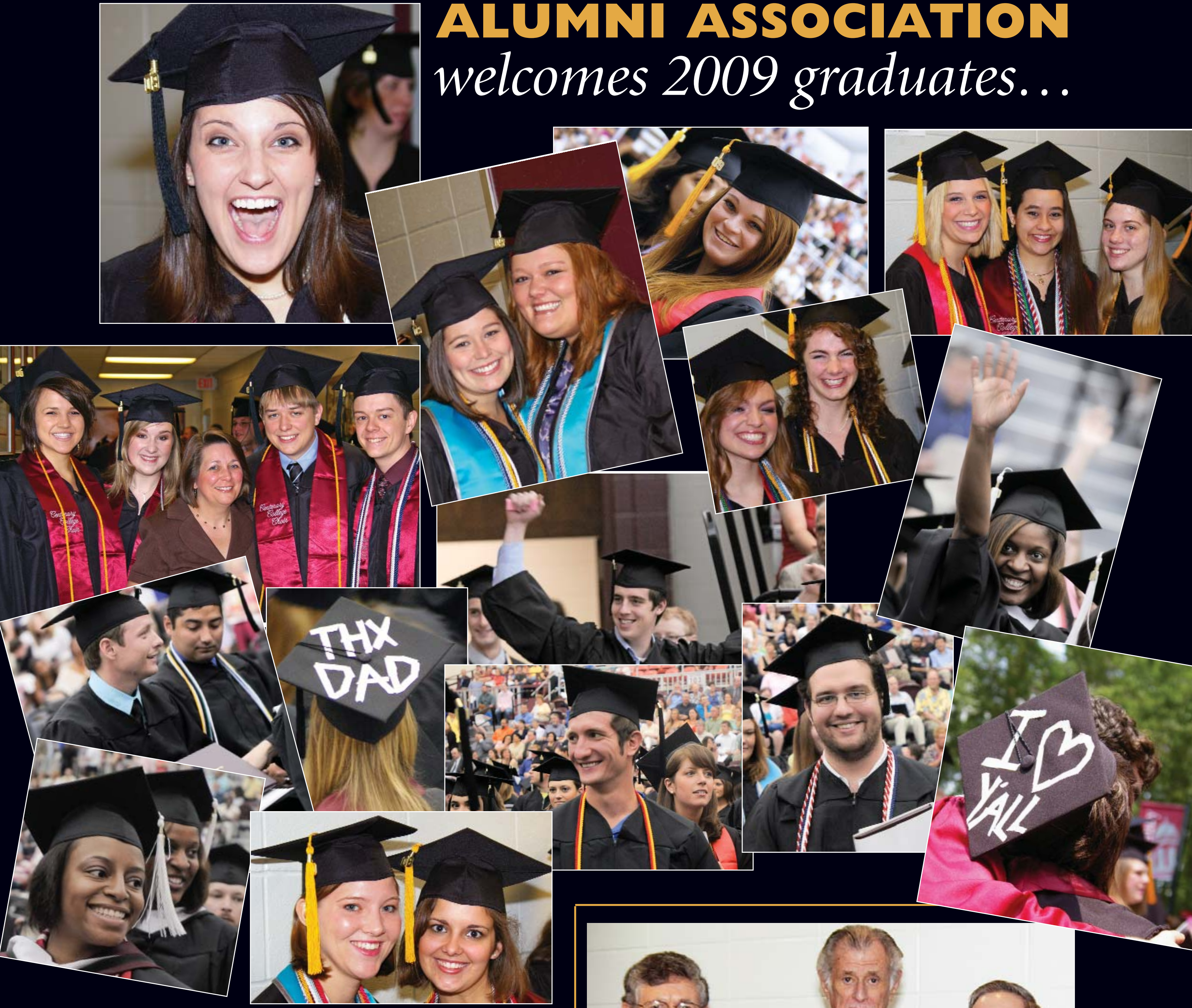
> **—CHIP LEDUFF '03**

CENTENARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION *welcomes 2009 graduates…*



and says goodbye to retiring professors

Dr. Mary Barrett
Professor Emeritus of Geology

Dr. Earl Labor
Wilson Professor Emeritus of American Literature

Dr. Vicki LeFevers
Professor Emeritus of Health & Exercise Science

HONORARY DEGREES: Three others were conferred with the College's highest degree—the honorary degree. The first was awarded to William G. Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees (left). Frank Deford, veteran journalist and commentator for numerous national publications and television programs, and commencement speaker, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (center). The Reverend Larry Stafford, minister of the First United Methodist Church of Monroe, received an honorary Doctor of Divinity (right).

sportsRECAP

2008-09

For more information about sports at Centenary and a complete schedule of athletic events, visit www.gocentenary.com.

Gents Basketball

ADAMS

REDUS

STALLINGS

It was anything but fun for the *Gents* basketball team, as it played the first two months of the season away from the Gold Dome. The closest the *Gents* got to playing in front of their home crowd was the annual game against Louisiana Tech in the Century Tel Center. When Centenary finally got home on Jan. 8, the *Gents* proved they enjoyed playing in the new Gold Dome with a 20 point win over Oakland. Centenary finished the season as the eighth seed in The Summit League Tournament and played closely with top seeded North Dakota State, but the Bison held on for the win.

The conference coaches, sports information directors and selected members of the media voted junior **Chase Adams** Defensive Player of the Year, sophomore **Gary Redus II** to the all-newcomer team and senior **Nick Stallings** honorable mention all-league.

Ladies Basketball

ZALOGA

Things started out promising for the *Ladies*, as they played Alabama closely until the very end. Centenary had a chance to tie the game up with a 1:30 to go, but a 3-point field goal by **Karolina Zaloga** rimmed in and out. This season, the *Ladies* got their first win on the road in two years, with an overtime victory over Louisiana-Lafayette, largest margin of victory over a conference school (IPFW) and their first ever win over Oral Roberts.

JACKSON

Sophomore **Ashley Jackson** won the *Ladies* first conference Player of the Week award since 2005.

Ladies Soccer

VALDEZ

DONNELLY

HILL

The women's soccer team started on a positive note, as the *Ladies* shutout Mississippi Valley State 2-0. However, it was a month later until Centenary finally got its second win, a 4-2 victory over Nicholls State. To close the season the *Ladies* grabbed their first conference win in three years with a 1-0 victory over IPFW.

Freshman **Katie Valdez** led Centenary's offense with five goals and two assists, while junior **Kate Donnelly** and freshman **Deb Hill** each had 62 saves, and the duo also had two shutouts.

Gents Soccer

McHUGH

In the first five games of 2008, Centenary had five one-goal decisions, which included a 2-1 overtime victory over Central Arkansas. The *Gents* began Summit League play at 1-1, but three straight losses in the conference eliminated them from post-season contention. However, Centenary still finished just a game out from the fourth and final spot of the conference tournament for the third straight year.

McINTYRE

Freshman **John McHugh** led the *Gents* with three goals, while classmate **Tate McIntyre** gave four assists. McHugh was honored for his offensive efforts in 2008, as he was named to the Summit League all-newcomer and second team all-conference.

Ladies Volleyball

FREEMAN

BETHANY KERN

BRIANNA KERN

LOPEZ

It was an improved 2008 season, but the *Ladies* showed their youth with nine freshmen on the roster. Centenary had just two upper classmen, with senior **Ashlee Freeman '09** and sophomore **Bethany Kern**. The *Ladies* won two of their first eight matches and later on in the season won two straight matches.

Freshman **Brianna Kern** led the team with 227 kills, while Freeman led the *Ladies* defensively with 69 blocks. Freshman **Jaclyn Lopez,** who didn't start the season as the teams setter, finished 2008 with 577 assists.

Ladies Cross Country

WILKENS

The *Ladies* started the 2008 season 2-2 after the Mook 4 Invitational. In a two-week time frame Centenary finished second twice and first once. The *Ladies* win came at the Centenary Invitational, while **Brittany Wilkens** finished first at the Northwestern State Invitational.

Wilkens was named Co-Freshman of the Year by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association and earned the Summit League's Runner of the Week award after her first place finish at NSU.

Gents Cross Country

Centenary struggled in 2008, but had a good finish at the Centenary Invitational with a second place showing. The *Gents* finished fourth at the Northwestern State Invitational and sixth at Louisiana-Monroe.

Ladies and Gents Swimming

BARRETT

CEFALU

HENRY

LAMBERT

BROWN

MYERS

PENA

WYATT

CLAMPITT

For the *Gents*, nine members of the squad were named second team all-conference after finishing second in their respective event. **Rourke Barrett** swam the 400-yard freestyle, **John Cefalu** competed in the 200-yard medley relay, while **Peter Henry** and **Chase Lambert '09** placed second in the 400-yard freestyle relay. On the women's side, junior **Jessica Brown,** who won the only event for Centenary, was named first team all-conference. Brown swam the 100-yard butterfly in a time of 56.28 despite her goggles falling off in mid-swim.

Brian Myers '09 and Peter Henry were both a part of five total records, while John Cefalu, Rourke Barrett and **Josh Pena** were all a part of three total records. Myers was also the first person in Centenary history to go under 21.00 in the 50 free, and the first swimmer in Centenary history to go under 20.00 on a relay. **Maddie Wyatt** was a part of eight total records, **Leslie Clampitt '09** was a part of five and Brown four.

Ladies Softball

SMITH

PHILLIPS

BOCK

Heading into the conference tournament, Centenary's softball team will be the third seed in the four team playoff.

The *Ladies* were led offensively by freshman **Lindsey Smith,** who batted .327, with 31 runs, 12 home runs and 41 RBIs. Currently Smith is second at Centenary in home runs and RBIs in a season, as she trails Janis Kelly's 13 round trippers and Allison Shepperd's 43 runs knocked in.

In the circle, freshman **Hillary Phillips** led Centenary with 1.87 ERA, while sophomore **Jessica Bock** tallied 16 wins. Phillips and Bock combined for 31 of the teams 32 victories, while both pitchers also tossed no-hitters. Phillips' came in her first collegiate start against Bryant, while Bock tossed hers in an 8-0 victory over IPFW.

BASSETT

For their outstanding seasons, Smith was named second team all-Louisiana, while classmate Hillary Phillips and junior **Haley Bassett** captured honorable mention all-state honors.

Gents Baseball

LaLONDE

LEVERSEN

TOMPKINS

ROSS

IMPERIALI

KRAFT

The 2009 regular season was a successful one, as the Centenary baseball team had its second consecutive 30 win season. The *Gents* also upset top ranked Texas A&M and No. 18 Arkansas on their way to a 33-19 campaign. It was also the first time since 2001 a Summit League team defeated a top ranked team—Valpo beat Notre Dame. During the week of April 14, Centenary began receiving votes from the *USA Today*/Coaches Poll, picking up 13 points.

Baseball *(continued)*

For their outstanding season six *Gents* were named all-conference and were led by **Chris LaLonde,** who took home first team honors. **Travis Leversen, Michael Tompkins, Tell Ross, Ricky Imperiali** and **Justin Kraft** were awarded second team all-league.

CLUBsports

Centenary is offering more ways to stay active with the addition of a Lacrosse team, Cycling Club and Fencing.

BRAND

The **Centenary Lacrosse Team** is coached by Michael Brand, who has coached lacrosse for more than 20 years. The team joined the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association, and in their first season of MCLA play, the *Gents* fielded the largest team to date competing in a conference only schedule.

SHAW

The **Centenary Fencing Team** is coached by Andy Shaw who has brought extensive fencing expertise and experience to Centenary. He first garnered national attention with his NCAA-leading 35-1 record for the 1970-71 season while earning the MVP and the Outstanding College Athletes of America Award at Temple University.

MOORE

Centenary's multi-faceted **Cycling Club** makes bicycles more than just a mode of transportation. As a Club, it offers opportunities for recreational activity with organized pleasure and health rides. As a team, it provides a mode for competition in the college ranks. As part of the NCCA, Centenary's cycling team is a member of the South Central Collegiate Cycling Conference. Coaching the club is Alan Moore, an avid cyclist who has raced bicycles since 1992, winning the Louisiana state criterium championship Masters (ages 40-44) in 1999. He has been a member of the Shreveport-based Team LaS'port bicycle racing team since 1994 and served as its president for five consecutive years.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

BIGEvent lives up to name

THIS PAST YEAR, VOLUNTEERS FROM CENTENARY COLLEGE SET OUT INTO THE HIGHLAND HISTORIC DISTRICT, ARMED WITH TOOLS, WATER BOTTLES, AND DETERMINATION. WHAT BEGAN AS A WAY TO GIVE BACK TO A COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN OUR HOME FOR THE PAST CENTURY, IS NOW BECOMING AN ANNUAL TRADITION.

THE BIG EVENT

Students and Highland community residents who were ready for a BIG Event were not disappointed March 21 when the second annual event took to the neighborhoods.

More than 300 Centenary volunteers canvassed the Historic Highland District in Shreveport to help residents who live near the College with common household tasks such as painting, tree trimming and more.

"We worked hard and it was a great success," said junior Jennifer Pate, one of the organizers of The BIG Event 2009. "It's basically neighbors helping neighbors."

Last year, more than 350 students, alumni, faculty and staff participated in the first BIG Event, so they decided to do it again, according to Ally Gann '09, another organizer. The community service project reached out to Highland neighbors with jobs such as repainting shutters, raking, painting and cleaning sidewalks was met with enthusiasm from both residents and students.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff spread out around the neighborhood and worked at more than 40 different job sites for those who were pre-screened.

"It was just a lot of fun," said freshman Kim Dunnick.

"We worked with a lady who was in her 40s who had a Highland neighborhood home she donated to children for after school programs called Friendship House, and she asked for our help to spruce it up," the Lake Charles native said.

At the end of a day of hard work, with calloused hands, sore backs and tired bodies, the volunteers were rewarded with a community picnic of reds beans and rice, jambalaya, a carnival and for entertainment, live music from the amphitheatre's Battle of the Bands.

THE BIG EVENT
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"This year's Big Event served as a great outlet for members of the Centenary community to help those who live so close to us in the Highland Neighborhood," said Chris Lavan '06, director of service-learning. "It was a fantastic opportunity for all of us to take responsibility and give back to many of the citizens who support the college in various ways throughout the year."

Echoing Lavan's comments, Dennis Taylor, director of career services added, "I continue to be impressed by our Centenary students everyday. Their awareness and commitment to community service is truly inspiring."

"The Big Event is an annual student organized initiative that clearly shows their reverence for the neighbors in the Shreveport community," said David Womack, dean of student life. "Neighbors helping neighbors is truly what it is all about!" RD

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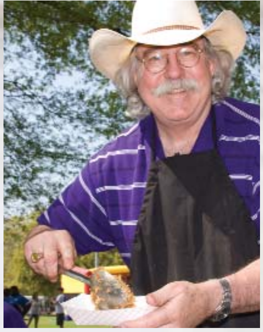
> BIG EVENT ORGANIZERS
> ALLY GANN '09 (L) AND JENNIFER PATE (R)



Dickey Mire, owner of Tally Alley Carpet Warehouse, donated and served up a delicious lunch with a smile.

The Pursuit of Excellence

Named Centenary's 2008-09 Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Dr. Julia Thorn dedicates her life to her students and to music.

By Katie Matza '09

BURIED DEEP IN THE SHINY NEW HALLS OF ANDERSON CHORAL BUILDING, CENTENARY'S MUSIC MAJORS KNOW EXACTLY WHERE TO FIND ONE OF THE COLLEGE'S MOST INSPIRING ROLE MODELS.

JULIA THORN
2009-09 Outstanding Teacher of the Year

Dr. Julia Thorn, recently named the Outstanding Teacher of 2008-09, is one of the most dedicated faculty members on campus. She spends countless hours ushering her students through the music education program, instructing them in choral music, and whipping them into shape for such prestigious venues as Carnegie Hall and the National Collegiate Choral Organization's upcoming biennial festival at Yale University. It's not an easy job, and it doesn't always garner such visible rewards, but Dr. Thorn says it's a way to honor the people that have mentored her as a musician throughout her life.

Taking Notes

Thorn, who began her career by taking piano lessons from her mother at the age of 3, has always lived a musical life. Her mother and father, both professional musicians, encouraged her to nurture her love for the art. She sang in her father's graduate school choir when she was in middle school, and spent 10 of her summers at the Saratoga Potsdam Choral Institute in upstate New York.

It was a natural choice for Thorn to attend Loyola University in New Orleans, earning both her undergraduate and graduate degrees in music performance. From there, she moved to Atlanta to study voice with the famous contralto Florence Kopleff, and to sing with Robert Shaw, then conductor of the Atlanta Symphony and Symphony Chorus. As she studied voice, teaching piano and voice lessons on the side, she also took courses at Georgia State. So when she decided, upon getting married, that she would like a more stable income, it was easy to obtain her teaching certification and go to work teaching music in the public school system.

After five years teaching in elementary and high schools, Thorn met the district's honor choir conductor, Dr. Sandra Willetts from the University of Alabama. "I thought she was absolutely a wonderful conductor, had a fabulous sense of humor, related to everyone, and she thought my work was great," Thorn recalls. "I had known for quite a while that I wanted to do my doctorate, but I didn't know where. I decided I wanted to study with her because she had fantastic conducting technique, and she could probably fix mine."

Two years later, armed with a doctorate and ample determination, Thorn began searching for a college at which to teach. At the behest of her voice teacher, she looked at Centenary College. "And it indeed was perfect for me because it was basically one-third teaching voice, one-third doing all the music education coursework, and one-third conducting Camerata," Thorn says. And lucky for Centenary, she was a perfect fit for the school, too!

The Centenary Repertoire

While the hook for Thorn was the diversity Centenary offered her as a music professor, it is the people that keep her dedicated to the College. "I find that many of the students have curious minds and seek the best possible music education within a liberal arts environment," she says, "and I love the collegiality of the faculty. We all have different areas of interest and different opinions, but we all work really well together. It's a very interesting group of people. They're all very gifted in their own right but they're genuinely supportive colleagues. And you don't find that in every music school you walk into."

The students reciprocate her high opinion, as evidenced by her nomination for Centenary's annual Outstanding Teacher Award, presented each year during Homecoming. And it's no wonder—though she drives her students hard, she is just as dedicated to them as they are to their musical pursuits. "I get to know these students very well individually," she says of the small student population at Centenary. "When I get ready to write that reference, I can really let their prospective employer or graduate admissions know in-depth the caliber of the student and the caliber of person that they are, so that they really shine."

Of course, the students don't achieve greatness easily. Thorn runs a tight rehearsal, drilling her choirs in detail and intensely preparing them for the top-notch performances Centenary choirs are known for. She admits, "I work them very hard; I have a very disciplined approach. And sometimes it's trying for them, but they really appreciate it when they hear the final product and hear how good they've become."

Dr. Thorne observes conducting students with a critical eye.

> “She cares for her students, works hard at what she does, and never settles for less than what she knows we can give her.”
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> COMMENT FROM PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Serving the Muse

Music, while beautiful, is not an easy devotion. It requires dedication, persistence, and a genuine love and appreciation. So what motivates her to spend her life guiding others in its pursuit?

"If you really think about it," she says, "you are surrounded by music—in the elevator, music's on, in the shopping center, in the car, music is just constant in everybody's lives. It's just so pervasive in your life and it makes you want to be a part of it. It has an overwhelming effect on people. It can change their moods." Finally, she just laughs and says, "I just can't really imagine a life without music!"

Neither can Centenary's aspiring music majors. Thorn and her students have created an environment in which music thrives. This is due in large part to her excellent work and extreme dedication to those she teaches. A task she gladly takes on, teaching holds many rewards for Thorn. "I love taking a student from the first time when they learn to give a downbeat, which is kind of like bouncing a ball, and molding them over three semesters of conducting classes into reasonably confident conductors ready to go out and take their first positions as directors," she says fondly of her students.

In the Works

As Dr. Thorn continues her work at Centenary, she has great plans for her choirs. While performing in Carnegie Hall in 2007 has been the highlight of her career so far, she has high hopes for their next appearance on the national collegiate choir scene. "They've just been invited to perform at the National Collegiate Choral Convention at Yale," she beams. "It is a huge honor, the most prestigious convention that you can be invited to in collegiate choral music." Given just months to prepare for the convention, Thorn says "it's a really daunting task, but it is a great challenge that I am looking forward to."

If her previous record as an exemplary conductor and professor is any indicator, there is no doubt that she and her students will give an excellent performance at Yale. Centenary is certainly proud of its choirs, and its 2008-09 Outstanding Teacher of the Year!

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Demonstrating proper conducting technique, Dr. Thorn instructs junior music majors Kaci Kimbali, above, and Vincent Turregano, below.

STUDENTS ASSIST OTHERS *during spring break*

(Editor's note: Rick DelaHaya, director of marketing and communications traveled with the group to Arizona and wrote this first-hand account)

Two days drive from Shreveport to this small city in northern Arizona could not prepare them for the impact two simple phrases spoken in Navajo could have on them… ahé-he and nizhoni.

These are two phrases or words you hear everyday—thank you and beautiful—but when spoken from the heart from someone you don't know and whose life you changed by a simple gesture, it can mean the world.

So it was for 21 students and members of Centenary College as they spent four days on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona building wheelchair ramps for three families during their annual spring break.

During the week, the group worked in conjunction with ASSIST! to Independence, a community based, American-Indian owned and operated non-profit agency established by and for people with disabilities and chronic health conditions. One of the biggest needs, according to Mia Seimy, the Independent Coordinator for ASSIST, is the construction of wheelchair ramps. "There is a back log of people waiting for us to provide assistance, and the work the Centenary students accomplished went a long way in helping them gain back a bit of their independence."

The group was split into three work groups, each constructing new ramps to existing structures, painting, adding grab bars to showers, building new stairs and even replacing rotted drywall.

The first team remained in Tuba City and built the largest of the three ramps. At just over 30 feet long, the ramp angled 15 feet down to a landing and then switched back another 15 feet. "One of the coolest things was how well we all worked together on this project," said Leah Dark, a freshman from Shreveport. "We all had the opportunity to learn how to use the power tools, including saws, drills, and power screw drivers, which is something I didn't know how to use before."

As a thank you for the hard work, the group was invited inside the family home after three days for a snack of traditional Indian fry bread and Kool-Aid. While eating, stories were shared with the group about the family, and relatives were pointed out in photos that dotted the small living room. But the biggest thank you came when the work was done and the family came out on the rebuilt deck and admired the new ramp. "Nizhoni" was spoken by all.

The second group traveled the farthest, driving almost an hour from their base in Tuba City, 45 miles southeast to Hotevilla. This small group of seven students built one of the smallest ramps… and one of the hardest. Digging through two layers of rock, the group took the first two days just to dig and set four posts in the ground. "It was really hard work," said Christina Haacker, 2008 graduate. "We all took turns digging and cracking through the rock… we used whatever we could find… post hole diggers, hammers, crow bars… just to get deep enough to set the posts in."

But the group persevered and finally dug deep enough, set the posts and constructed the ramp, something they thought they would never have been able to accomplish. Through all their hard work, the defining moment came when the gentleman they were doing all this labor-intensive work for slowly came out of the house, and uttered one word in Hopi… "kwakwha" or thank you. "I will never forget the look on his face when he saw the finished ramp we built," said Sandy Roach, a junior religious studies major. "His look and his expression were just awesome."

The final group traveled north about 30 minutes to Cameron, where they too built a small ramp, but also painted the outside of the very small three-room house. Rotted drywall was replaced in a bathroom and painted a nice shade of blue. Watching the entire process was "Miss Chief" as she was affectionately known. Not able to speak any English, she watched the progress from her loom where she wove intricate-patterned blankets. As a way to thank the group, she served them "Navajo tacos" the last day, which consisted of fry bread layered with meat, cheese, shredded lettuce and tomatoes. And like the other groups, the defining moment came when "Miss Chief" looked at her new ramp, steps and painted house.

"Unable to speak English, her eyes spoke volumes when we were done," said Betsy Eaves, Chaplain at Centenary. "She hugged me just as tight as any family member would hug another, and that said it all."

After four hard days, the students with their sore muscles, calloused hands and tired bodies made the two-day trip back to Shreveport. RD

Centenary College

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Brothers "tee it up" for scholarship

Tim Wilhite '92
Chief Financial Officer and General Council
Wilhite Electric Company

Keith Wilhite '80
Vice President and Estimator
Wilhite Electric Company

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Tim was a four year letterman on the golf team and a political science major. His brother, Keith, attended Centenary from 1978 until 1981, studied education, and was on the baseball team.

Two brothers, Tim and Keith Wilhite, have been hitting the links for the past five years, raising money for a scholarship that bears the name of their father: The Donnie R. Wilhite Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship provides funding for a student-athlete from the Northwest Louisiana area to attend Centenary College.

Donnie Wilhite was an outstanding citizen and community leader and is remembered fondly in Northwest Louisiana for his generosity and good will. The Donnie Wilhite Media Room at Centenary College of Louisiana and the Donnie Wilhite Memorial Stakes Race run at Louisiana Downs are lasting tributes to a man who is truly missed.

In the fall of 2004, the brothers were asked by then golf coach, Martin Stuart and Athletic Director, Taylor Moore, to help keep the Centenary College golf tournament, The Hal Sutton Intercollegiate, going as a major college tournament. Tim suggested that we would have a better chance to raise money for the event if the event included a College – Amateur event that would allow participants to interact with the college players.

Their father, Donnie R. Wilhite had always been a great supporter of the College and passed away from a rare form of leukemia in August 2001. Tim approached his mother and with her consent, returned to Centenary with the idea of the Donnie R. Wilhite Memorial Scholarship. The Wilhites would underwrite, raise money and coordinate both the Donnie R. Wilhite Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament and the Hal Sutton Intercollegiate tournament.

Keith and Tim's parents were strong believers that athletics builds character, teamwork and personal relationship skills. The brothers were encouraged to participate in different sports growing up and all played multiple sports as kids. Keith continued his baseball career at Centenary and Tim played golf.

Seeing their father support Centenary while playing baseball and golf greatly influenced who they are today, and Keith and Tim continue to help not only Centenary but others as well.

"My father loved Centenary," said Tim. While he was in high school, he was contacted by a college coach from a small school in North Carolina. "When I showed dad the recruiting letter, he looked at me and said, 'Hell no!' It was a really good school too!" With the seeds planted, Tim ended up attending Centenary.

The Donnie R. Wilhite Scholarship is limited to a student-athlete who attends Centenary and is from Northwest Louisiana. (Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Desoto Parishes).

The scholarship is limited because their dad was a big believer in keeping local talent local to create ties within the community.

The tournament is always held the Sunday before the Hal Sutton Intercollegiate and pairs three people with a current college player. This is completely different from the usual fundraiser and allows the student-athlete to interact with some of the many donors.

The atmosphere during the tournament is very relaxed and fun. The afternoon starts with lunch for all the participants and college players, and finishes with dinner for everyone.

During the tournament, top players from all the teams present are allowed to play. "This exposes them to people from different business backgrounds and may help provide guidance in their future endeavors," explained Keith.

What does Tim get out of hosting the event? PURE ENJOYMENT! His fondest memories of Centenary are of his teammates and they remain his best friends to this day. "We hope that the athletes who participate in the event understand that there are individuals, beyond their own family, who want to see them succeed and develop into adults with successful careers and families," said Tim.

"Hopefully," added Keith, "when they are in a position, they will also be able to help others."

It is a very humbling experience for the two brothers just to see all of their dad's friends come out to support them and Centenary. "We hope that people will see what we are doing and look into their hearts to help others in the community," added Tim. "Dad touched so many people with his kindness, wit and personality…he never met a stranger and he is truly missed by so many."

THE I ♥ Centenary homecoming weekend

Alumni Hall of Fame: **Judge Eugene Bryson Jr. ’63**
(L-R) Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab, Judge Bryson and Alumni Association President Wishy Nolan ’54

Athletic Hall of Fame: **J. Howard Hooper ’37**
(L-R) Board of Trustee Chairman William G. Anderson, J. Howard Hooper and President Schwab

Hall of Fame: Judge Eugene Bryson Jr. ’63
Special Judge of the First Judicial District Court appointed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana and member of the Centenary Board of Trustees since 2000.

Athletic Hall of Fame: J. Howard Hooper ’37
Played during Centenary’s Glory Years of Football. One of Hooper’s claims to fame is the intercepted pass that he ran 53 yards for a touchdown against the rivaled Texas A&M Aggies in 1934.

Honorary Alumna: Dr. Ann B. Dobie H’09
Professor emerita of English at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and long-time supporter of Centenary College.

Alumni Loyalty Award: Hoyt D. Bain ’63
Past president of the Shreveport-Bossier Alumni Chapter, past president of Centenary’s National Alumni Association and current chair of the Board’s Past Presidents’ Council.

Young Alumni Leadership Award: Ms. Susanna Miller ’04
Formed the Atlanta Alumni Chapter and organized an executive committee of alumni volunteers who represent a broad range of eras and interests.

Outstanding Teacher Award: Dr. Julia Thorn
Associate Professor of Music and Director of Camerata, Cantare and Chorale.

Charlton H. Lyons Summer Research Award: Dr. Ken Aizawa
Charles T. Beaird Professor of Philosophy

President’s Excellence Award: Golda M.Ed. ’95 and Gary Young
For 20 years the couple has worked for the College. Gary is the Registrar and Golda is the Associate Registrar.

Jerry Whittington, electrician at the College for the past seven years

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Centenary Sweethearts Salute their *alma mater* on Founders' Day

Founders' Day Speakers:
Locke '72 & Camille Young '72 Bryan

This year Homecoming fell on Valentine's Day, with the theme of **I ♥ Centenary,** making it a perfect time to invite a pair of sweethearts back to the College to give the annual Founders' Day Convocation address.

Locke Bryan and Camille Young entered Centenary College as theatre majors in 1968 and had no idea that not only would they receive an education, but also a spouse.

"Homecoming and Valentine's Day may seem unrelated at first, but it reminds us that college is a place to learn, to grow and to discover oneself," said Dr. Ken Schwab, President of the College, when introducing the couple. "For many of us, college is that place where we find that one special person with whom we were meant to share our lives."

The couple married in 1980, have two children, and reside in Houston where they own and run a successful video production company.

> "Locke and I credit our liberal arts education and the faculty of Centenary for our ability to find happiness and success in a sometime difficult and changing world," said Camille Bryan. "Of course I don't have to tell you, you know this already, that the faculty at this school is the best of the best!"

ROTC Brick Dedication

ROTC alumni and friends gathered at the new Leadership Fountain and Engraved Brick Patio during Homecoming 2009 for a dedication ceremony/memorial service. Several engraved bricks have been placed in the patio for ROTC alumni as well as for some of their deceased classmates.

Legacy Scholars' Luncheon

Trustee Carol Stewart '69 and Senior Shatoria Smith '09 speak at the Scholars' Legacy Luncheon during Homecoming 2009

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50th	Class of 1960
40th	Class of 1970
25th	Class of 1985
10th	Class of 2000

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Quinq Club

Members of the Class of 1959 were honored on the occasion of their 50th Reunion at the Annual Quinq Brunch in Bynum Commons. It was a special day for them and the College.

Time Capsule Prepared for the Year 2059

President Schwab introduced the location in the Riggs' Plaza where a new time capsule will be buried and opened 50 years from now. The former capsule was opened last year during the Centennial Celebration and contained water logged items since it was not properly sealed.

"This capsule will be opened in the year 2059 and contain approximately 15 items, some of which will be a secret so as to surprise the Centenary community," Schwab said. "The physics department will vacuum pack everything and the vault will be buried above ground so hopefully we will not have the same problem we did with the last capsule."

Some of the items to be placed in the capsule include a copy of the front page of the *New York Times* coverage of the inauguration of President Barack Obama, pages from the Harry Potter literary series, an i-Pod shuffle and a cell phone.

Dr. Schwab and John Ramsey, student leader of the Time Capsule project, add items to the capsule while Centenary Chaplain Betsy Eaves '78 and Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Saige Wilhite'05 look on.

Annual TKE Alumni vs. Actives Football Game

Seniors Celebrate at Founders' Day Convocation

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Alumni Return

Where are our alumni now and what are they up to?

Class Notes

Alumni notes from Dec. 1, 2007
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1825

1948

Bill McCleary, Shreveport, La., was recently listed in the 2008 Edition of *Who's Who in America*.

1954

James Snell, Nashville, Tenn., retired from the faculty of Vanderbilt University Medical School after 45 years of service.

1955

Mitzi Lowe Perry, Shreveport, La., is retired and involved with Noel Methodist Church, Samaritan Counseling Center, Shreveport-Bossier Choral Ensemble, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Mental Health Association.

1957

Clyde Bowers, Wake Village, Texas, is officially retired. He was a chaplain with Marketplace Ministries Inc., assigned to Texas Bank & Trust in Texarkana, Texas, and a licensed Baptist Minister doing supply preaching. He served 20 years with the Wake Village Volunteer Fire Dept., 28 years with the Reserve Police Officers of Wake Village Police Department and was a lieutenant colonel, Commander of 7th Military Police Group, Texas State Guard. He has two grandchildren, ages six and two.

Thalia Collins Oliphant, Addison, Texas, was named the Outstanding Texas Public Relations Practitioner by the Texas Public Relations Association.

George Schurman, Shreveport, La., is the founder and president of Schurman Oil and Gas Company, a life member of the Centenary College Board of Trustees and is a recipient of the Humanitarian Award given by the Shreveport Community Council.

1958

Larry Robertson, Hazlehurst, Miss., serves three churches on the St. Helena Circuit in Louisiana: Darlington, Center and Day's.

Charles Wilder, Jackson, N.J., spent six Years in the United States Marine Corp, 25 years as a pilot for TWA, 25+ years as a CPA and has been involved with the Orchestra By The Sea Chorus for five years. He is treasurer of Battleground Arts Center, CFO of Metro Lyric Opera Company, president of the Exchange Club of Westen Monmouth County, president of TARPA (TWA Active Retired Pilots Association), president of TWA Seniors, N.J., director of the Westlake Chorus and is a member of Monmouth Civic Chorus, the Marine Corps League and the American Legion.

1960

John Stovall, Crockett, Texas, currently serves with the Rotary Club, where he is the Paul Harris Fellow. He is also active with the First United Church Crockett Chancel Choir and Administrative Board, and the Houston County Hospital District Board of Directors.

1961

Margaret Powell Akins, Lawrence, Kan., is a retired secondary mathematics teacher. She taught for 44 years, first in Shreveport at St. Vincent's Academy, and then in secondary schools in Lawrence. Her husband is also retired and they are having a ball!

Theodorus Klemann, Naples, Fla., also received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Maryland and his Master of Arts from Pepperdine University.

Joe LaGrone, Oak Ridge, Tenn., is president of consulting for Socogee Corporation.

Sandra Whitlock Mauney, Eads, Tenn., and husband, Richard, retired in 1992 while living in Paris, Tenn. They have toured the southwest and northwest United States and Sandra has also toured Israel. They moved to Eads, Tenn., a suburb of Memphis, to be near their daughter, Kim.

1962

Tom Arnoldi, Mechanicsburg, Penn., is a member of Rotary Club, board president of State Street Academy of Music and an elder and trustee of Market Square Presbyterian Church. He received his Bachelor of Arts and completed his graduate studies at West Virginia University. He is currently enjoying retirement.

1963

Paxton Foster, Coushatta, La., served in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1969 achieving the rank of captain. He worked in private industry for 12 years, and then joined the federal civil service for 12 years including one year at the VA Hospital in Shreveport. He retired in 1995 and lives in Red River Parish near Hall Summit.

Ekkehard Klausa, Berlin, became a grandfather Christmas Day 2007. Anna Sofia was born to his son, David.

1964

Allen Ford, Lawrence, Kan., received the 2007 Outstanding Service Award for the Midwest Region of the American Accounting Association. The award was presented at the Midwest Regions annual meeting in St. Louis.

John Frazer, Concord, Calif., and his wife will soon retire to Monroe, La., where he grew up.

Melanie Martin Heacock, Owings Mills, Md., taught middle school and high school French and English for 12 years. She was president of the U.S. Pony Clubs for three years and co-founded the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource 10 years ago where she remains active. She and her husband have enjoyed sailing Maine, the Virgin Islands, and the Chesapeake Bay. Six years ago, Melanie began oil painting and thoroughly enjoys her new "career." She lives in the area of Baltimore, Md., having moved there from San Francisco, Calif.

Barry Hope, Brea, Calif., has done extensive graduate work at Trinity University of Texas. He is a Viet Nam veteran and served as a captain in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He is retired and living in Brea with wife, Karen, and sons, Edward and Herman. Barry celebrated his five-year anniversary of being cancer-free in Oct. 2008. He received Chicago's Joseph Jefferson Award as producer of "Best Musical of the Year," music composed by the late Centenary alumnus, Randy Tallman.

Jim Mitchell, Dallas, Texas, is chief financial officer of PC Corporate Management Group, LP, and is a CPA in Louisiana and Texas. He and wife Anne have become avid photographers, and four of their images were recognized in major international photo competitions in 2008.

1965

Sally Keller Tibbs, Missoula, Mont., attended graduate school in marine biology at the University of Southern California where she met her husband, also a marine biologist. He accepted a professorship at the University of Montana where they reside. They have two girls and three grandchildren. Sally has taught eighth grade at Hellgate Middle School for the past 26 years. She continues her interest in music and enjoys participating in the Missoula Civic Symphony and Chorale, thanks to the Centenary College Choir.

1966

Helen Giessen Guenter, Monticello, Ark., has been a reference/serials librarian at the University of Arkansas at Monticello for 26+ years.

Rodney Cage, Newnan, Ga., attended graduate school at LSU and worked at IBM before he and a few friends formed an executive consulting firm. He is retired and enjoys renovating his old colonial home, playing golf, fishing, duck hunting, taking his grandchildren waterskiing and being "gramps."

1967

Laura Stevens Boyd, Shreveport, La., is serving as chairman of the board of The Glen Retirement System.

Jim Carver, Baton Rouge, La., is a managing partner for the Baton Rouge office of Oats & Hudson law firm.

Larry James, Austin, Texas, is the President and CEO of The Texas Asthma & Allergy Center.

Allan Jones, Duluth, Ga., spent 30 years as a purchasing agent for various companies. He became an adjunt instructor in history at Georgia Perimeter College in 2002.

1968

Ralph Borenstein, Tomball, Texas, is the National Director of Operations for Jack Henry and Associates.

Charles Grubb, Shreveport, La., is Parish Attorney for Caddo Parish.

Mary Woods Kacenjar, Shreveport, La., has worked as an RN at Christus Schumpert Medical Center for 24 years. She is interested in alternative and complementary medicine, practicing therapeutic massage and body work, subtle body energetics, and sound therapy in her small home studio.

Sidney Montegudo, Baton Rouge, La., retired as minister of music in the Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Phillip Swearingen, Morgantown, W.V., has a private practice in Morgantown, is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, and is a part-time artist and writer. He says, "Mary Waters would turn over in her grave. She told me one time I did not even have enough brains to get through college."

1969

Lain Causey, The Woodlands, Texas, retired from ExxonMobil. He is active in his church orchestra and jazz band, and is a volunteer construction supervisor for Habitat for Humanity.

Lynda Wurster Deniger, Abita Springs, La., is a freelance writer for numerous publications and president of Father's Heard Ministries.

R. J. Fertitta, Leesville, La., is the owner of Fertitta Insurance Agency.

Mac Griffith, San Antonio, Texas, is vice president and chief development officer of Institutional Advancement at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler.

Jackie Nickell Lawrence, Atlanta, Ga., is an Oncology social worker.

Brian Moffatt, Houston, Texas, was a Texas attorney for more than 30 years, and former federal prosecutor. He is now compliance counsel for a Fortune 500 company.

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4th Annual Houston Crawfish Boil at the Home of Keith '96 and Ami '95 Considine — April 26, 2008

Classmates Liz Scarborough '69 and Rick Hebert '69

Centennial Showcase at the Louisiana Boardwalk — April 27, 2008

Barbara and Fletcher Thorne-Thomsen with Skeeter

Class of '08 Alumni Association Party hosted by Centenary Graduates Of the Last Decade, Stray Cat — May 8, 2008

Naana Frezel '08 and Melissa Rust '08

Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter Crawfish Boil, Nate's Steak and Seafood, Addison, Texas — May 17, 2008
Kathryn Boots '96, Renee' Sneed '96 and Renee's husband, Chuck Blackford

Elizabeth Holland Reyna '03 and husband, Chris

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DC Chapter Alumni Mixer, Mackey's Pub — May 30, 2008
Cameron King '06, friend of the College Martha Madden and William Fell '07

Joe Rice, Shreveport, La., is director of International Star Inc., a Nevada Corp.

Warren True, Houston, Texas, spent more than 26 years as a technical editor with *Oil & Gas Journal* in Houston and is now managing editor. Their son, Bradford James, graduated from Texas A&M University in May 2008, and will continue his education in graduate school at the University of Oklahoma in Aug. Their son, Rob, embarked on a career in education in 2006 when he became an assistant high school band director in Fort Worth.

Bill Hardin, Conifer, Colo., is a retired OB/GYN.

Jonathan Penner, Richland, Wash., is a human resources manager.

John Turner, Shreveport, La., is retired from education.

Gene Hullinghorst, Ann Arbor, Mich., is an attorney with Plunkett Cooney.

1970

Roger Boynton, Abbeville, La., has been the president of Deep South Financial Services Inc. for the past 25 years. He is active in his church and has served as senior warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Abbeville for the past 20 years. He has three children, Ashley, Britt and Hunter, all in college. He is married to Alice Sagrera. They enjoy traveling and recently went to play golf at St. Andrews in Ireland. They have a new grandchild, Sophia.

1971

Jerry Humphries, Humble, Texas, is a shift supervisor for FMC Technologies at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston. He married Mary Katherine Whalen, in May 1970, and God has blessed them with three children, Karen, Jennifer, Keith, and five grandchildren. He is an active supporter of duck hunting and other outdoor activities.

Craigin Shelton, Alexandria, Va., is lead INFOSEC Engineer for The MITRE Corp.

1972

Lee Ellen Pappas Benjamin, Atlanta, Texas, is the co-chairman of Red River Revel 14, on the board of directors of Atlanta Memorial Hospital Foundation, chairman of the member recognition and awards committee of the Entertainment Services & Technology Association (NYC), a representative for Northeast Texas Regional Film Commission, precinct chairman for Cass County Democratic Party, and a delegate for the Texas State Democratic Convention.

Robert Gettings, North Potomac, Md., retired from the federal government in 2004 after 31+ years of service. He served as special agent in law enforcement, concluding his career as a senior investigator with the Office of Special Investigations, GAO, in Washington, D.C. He is now working as a contractor with different companies on behalf of Homeland Security.

Mark McMurry, Sulphur, La., is chairman of the board of trustees of the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana.

Byron McNeil, Katy, Texas, is the owner of Gulf Coast Velocity Data Inc.

Terri Springer Oliver, Durango, Colo., works part-time at Maria's Bookshop. She and husband, **Don '71,** have recently retired.

Eddie Baker, Plano, Texas, is a divisional field representative of the Muscular Distrophy Association.

1973

Joyce Sellers Cohen, Sugar Land, Texas, is a church bookstore manager. She feels called to this ministry, and is grateful for the connections she has made with her coworkers and customers. She is working to establish another direct sales business.

Jeffrey Daiell, Houston, Texas, married former Centenary student **Stephanie Zachry** Aug. 8, 2008. Best man was **Jack McCunn,** also a former student at Centenary. The civil ceremony was followed by a religious ceremony at the Austin, Texas, home of **Becky Lynch Homminga**.

Karen Anderson Hicks, Savannah, Ga., is retired.

Chris Middleton, Shreveport, La., is a land manager for Exco Production Company LP. He has been in the petroleum industry for approximately 27 years. Chris is an active member of Noel United Methodist Church in Shreveport.

Wes Putnam, Bedford, Texas, is the president of Wesley Putnam Ministries. He attended Centenary in 1970–1971 and was active with the choir and the drama department. In 1972, he married Felicia Mangum and transfered to Northeast in Monroe to complete his degree. He went on to Asbury Seminary and obtained his Masters of Divinity degree. He is a full-time musician and storyteller. He's been traveling for more than 26 years after pastoring for 8-1/2 years.

Paula Sanders Sample, Shreveport, La., retired from the Caddo Parish School System after spending nine years as a counselor at Fair Park High School. She plans to spend her new free time painting, traveling with her husband, Bill, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

1974

Don Birkelbach, Pasadena, Texas, is retired from banking.

Paul Giessen, Tulsa, Okla., is the associate director of housing and dining at the University of Tulsa.

Patti Melker Richards, Atlanta, Ga., a tax lawyer and CPA with the Richards Law Firm LLC, was installed as the Chair of the Atlanta Bar Tax Section and as the president-elect of the American Association of Attorney-CPAs. She recently completed a three-year term on the IRS Advisory Counsel where she served as one of 20 tax professionals from around the country as advisor to the IRS Commissioner on tax policy and procedure.

Shirley Miller Watts, River Ridge, La., has been teaching for 33 years. She currently teaches 6th grade at Leo Kerner in Jean Lafitte, La. She is a papercrafter and has had two of her handmade greeting cards published in magazines. She has been married to Roy Watts for 23 years.

1975

Cynthia Lewis, Cincinnati, Ohio, has served the Johnson & Johnson family of companies since 1999, conducting market research supporting new product development. She has traveled in the United States, Europe, China, India, Brazil and Japan. She also enjoys fundraising and spending time with Centenary College Choir Alumni and friends.

Suzanne Mason, Santa Fe, N.M., is co-owner of her family medicine practice, Mason-Jones Health Group.

Edward Miller, Venus, Texas, worked several odd jobs to support his wife while she finished her theology degree after having attending SMU's Perkins School of Theology himself. Later, he became a bassist in the DFW area, playing in several bands. He is very happily married and lives in the country with his two dogs.

Lawana Perry Tunnell, Beaufort, S.C., is the PK-12 music specialist and choral director at Beaufort Academy.

Vickie Moore Young, Shreveport, La., is proud to report that her youngest son, Alex, is attending Centenary. He happened to get the same room in Cline that her husband, **Paul '76,** had when he attended Centenary. She volunteers at her church and in her community and works part-time at Stein Mart.

Laura Arthur Porter, Metairie, La., is an education diagnostician for Jefferson Parish Public School system.

1976

John Howard, Clarendon, Texas, has a private practice in Clarendon, is board certified in Preventive Medicine, a county health officer, president of Greenbelt Medical Society, on the Clarendon College Board of Regents and is a captain in the U.S. Navy Reserve. He presently serves with the U.S. Marines in Iraq.

Royce Labor, San Antonio, Texas, received his masters in Business Management in 1998 and retired from the U.S. Army in 1999 after 22 years of service. He participates in the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo and currently works as a defense contractor.

Katie Avery Leinweber, Scottsdale, Ariz., went to law school at LSU and practiced in both Louisiana and Arizona, specializing in domestic relations and estate planning. After 10 years, she put her legal career on hold to become a semi-professional volunteer in the public schools. As her kids have gotten older, her time has been more focused on supporting Teach for America, Pinnacle Presbyterian Church and establishing a studio where she can utilize her art degree from Centenary.

Norbert Peil, Tucson, Ariz., is the owner of Norb Peil Therapies LLC.

Jim Ruppel, Dallas, Texas, is vice president of Customer Relations for Southwest Airlines Co.

1977

Mark Graham, Richmond, Va., has received a M.Div., a M.A.B.S., a D. Min and a Ph.D. since graduating Centenary. He has published three books and pastors a church with more than 700 members. Mark would love to see old friends from Centenary!

Sally Hunter Keddal, Seguin, Texas, was named Elementary Teacher of the Year last year for the Seguin school system.

Krista Scheffer Magers, Franklin, La., is a teacher for St. Mary Parish.

Don Matthews, Lafayette, La., remarried after the passing of his late wife, Anna, and works as a group and individual therapist at a psychiatric hospital. His wife, Sandra, is also a clinical social worker.

Tom Phillips, Arvada, Colo., is the senior pastor of a United Methodist Church.

Leslie Anderson Russell, Garland, Texas, is assistant principle at Garland Independent School District in Garland, Texas.

Terry Swan, Campbellsville, Ky., is a professor of Psychology and Religion and Dean of the Chapel at Lindsey Wilson College, a UMC-related university in Kentucky. He is the author of 15 books, a speaker and workshop leader, and a retired colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve.

Monthar Taha, Eureka, Mo., works in real estate.

Mike Warner, Webster Groves, Mo., is assistant general counsel for Pfizer Inc.

Shreveport-Bossier Chapter 2nd Annual Crawfish Boil, Home of Drew '92 and Kim '95 Meeder — June 7, 2008

Neil Johnson and Cindy Gleason '81 Johnson, incoming National Alumni Association Board President for 2009-10

Tigger Denison '00, his wife, Shelby, and their children M.E. and Van

Atlanta Chapter Summer 2008 Cookout, Home of Richard '69 and Jeannie Schmidt

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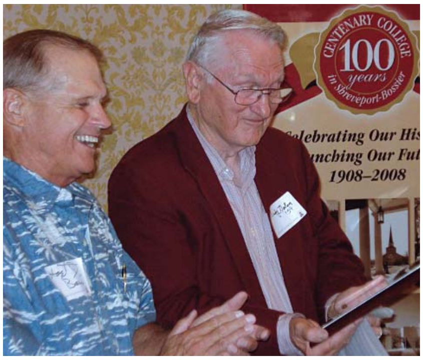

Alumni Association Board Appreciation Reception, Symphony House – July 1, 2008
Current National Alumni Association Board President Wishy Nolan '54 (right) recognizes out-going President Hoyt D. Bain '63 for his service to the National Alumni Association.

Shreveport-Bossier Chapter July Final Friday Networking Mixer, Ralph and Kacoos — July 25, 2008
Jenna Roche' '06 and Brian Middleton '07

Legacy Breakfast During Orientation, Edwin C. Whited Room, Centenary College — Aug. 21, 2008
First-year student, Lenard Adams '12 and his mother, Sally Adams '98 enjoy breakfast honoring legacy students and their alumni family members

Clayton Davis, Lake Charles, La., was recently elected Calcasieu Parish District Judge, Division B.

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David Bertanzetti, Birmingham, Ala., is the Director of Benefits at the University of Alabama.

Pam Hartman Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio, is a strategy leader at WellPoint Inc.

Jay Colvin, Shreveport, La., is the owner of PDL Services LLC, and national sales manager for Secure Check.

Cheryl Courtney, Loveland, Colo., an environmental professional, manages a 110-acre horse pasture, with 25+ horses which she trains and shows in jumping and extensive mountain trail riding. She meets weekly with a professional writers critique group, is a member of Backcountry Horsemen of America, and a member of the Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers and Northern Colorado Writers Associations. She is a published short storiest and award winning essay writer.

Danny Gamble, New Orleans, La., has been the organist/pianist at Gretna United Methodist Church in Gretna, La., since 1994. He helped guide the church in a pipe organ project and is a board member of the New Orleans chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He joined the Library Department of *The Times-Picayune* in 1991 as a news researcher, and has been assistant head librarian since 2001, responsible for the newspaper's electronic archiving and retrieval system.

Nancy King Lanzillotti, Bossier City, La., has been a middle school librarian since Janannuary 2000. Before that, she taught math, science, and language arts. She has a degree in Elementary Education and an Elementary Education Masters from Centenary and received her library science certification through LSU-S.

Nancy Matthews, Chicago, Ill., met her partner, Dr. Lisa Frohmann, in graduate school at UCLA in 1982. Nancy is a professor of Justice Studies and Women's Studies at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She teaches in the areas of human rights, race and ethnicity, and violence against women.

Jack O'Dell, Metairie, La., is a pastor at The Well United Methodist Church.

Rebecca Moore Wisdom, Midland, Texas, is vice president of Shell Federal Co.

1979

Karen Blacker, Evanston, Ill., spent 20 years as Regional Director of Operations for Kessler Rehab Corp, running their midwest business. She left in 2006, taking a year off to "hang out in sweatpants and relax." In June 2007, she went to work for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. Karen volunteers her time with WBEZ, Chicago's NPR station, where she has "consumed way too many donuts during way too many pledge drives!" She rarely leaves home without a camera, loves photography and making jewelry.

Kathy Keyes Bone, Katy, Texas. Her son, John, is a freshman at Drew University in Madison, N.J., studying physics. She says, "now that the child-rearing is over, I'm looking for a job and enjoying time at home with my husband!"

Brenda Miller Donner, Seattle, Wash., attended Centenary from 1975–1978, and completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Washington, where she was "pleasantly surprised to be using a textbook authored by Dr. Labor!" She earned a Master of Science in Project Management from City University, is a self-employed financial analyst, and on contract with Microsoft. She is involved with Concerns of Police Survivors, the Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, the Seattle Mariners Women's Club, March of Dimes, and holds various positions at her church.

Mark Messinger, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is a flight attendant with US Airways based in Washington, D.C.

Selwyn Roberts, Ross-Shire, Great Britain, is a social care and education worker working with children with a broad range of mental and physical disabilities. He is a Scottish traditional musician, playing dance music with various groups in Aberdeen and Inverness, Scotland, and teaches percussion and dance.

Mark Rowland, Roswell, N.M., is currently involved with the American Legion, the Aircraft Owners' & Pilots' Association, CROP Walk, Disabled American Veterans, Christian Fellowship, the Pecos Valley Amateur Radio Club, Relay for Life, and the Roswell UFO Festival.

Paul Shuey, Arlington, Va., is a senior engineer for Horne Engineering Services and consults for the FAA on Occupational Safety and Health Policy. He says "working with young people is hard work but fun."

Beverly Finley Smith, Plano, Texas, is a CPA for Malnory McNeal & Co.

Marshall Taylor, New York, N.Y., has a new video on You Tube based on his book series "COW." To watch Cow playing the Moophisto Waltz, visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A91Bi5O5ek8.

Jeff Teter, Spring, Texas, is a developer for Woodforest Bank.

Mary Adler, Bethesda, Md., graduated from the University of Maryland with a BA in English Literature and attended Antioch Law School.

Karen Blacker, Evanston, Ill., graduated from Southern Illinois University with a MS in Clinical Psychology in 1982 and a Master's Certificate in HR Management in 2007 from Villanova University. She is the Manager of Business Support at Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

Martha Rose Kelley, Dallas, Texas, also received an Associates Degree in Video Technology from North Lake College in 1997 and is a master control operator for Dallas County Community College District.

Paula Glanville Weber, Houston, Texas, is a road cyclist, runner and trainer, and plays piano.

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Betsy Stockinger Bell, Birmingham, Ala., is the principal for the Mountain Brook School District.

David Bell, Birmingham, Ala., is the president of Fenwick Foods/Private Equity.

Pierre Bellegarde, Plano, Texas, is the proud father of Nicolas who is growing to be a *Gent* like his dad. Pierre is the senior account executive for McAfee Security and has "applied to his career all the great standards he's received from Centenary College."

Gordon Blackman, Shreveport, La., is an attorney with the Blackman Law Firm. He is past president of: Providence House board of directors, Louisiana Association for the Blind, Northwest Louisiana Goodwill Industries board of directors, and Crimestoppers. He serves as an elder at First Presbyterian Church in Shreveport.

Mary Gallien De Longis, Canyon Country, Calif., and her husband, Anthony, traveled to New York City in May 2008 to help promote *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.* Her husband was Harrison Ford's whip trainer for the latest film in the series. They attended the May 20th Red Carpet premiere at the Magic Johnson Theatre in Harlem, then appeared the next morning on *Good Morning America*—Mary holding targets as Anthony snapped them with a whip. Mary teaches Biology and Environmental Science at American InterContinental University in Los Angeles. They run a facility at their ranch north of Los Angeles for training actors, stunt people and other performers in stage combat, including bladed weapons, whips, mounted combat, and firearms.

Pete DeBuys, Smyrna, Ga., is a regional leasing manager and a member of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church.

Brent Henley, Lafayette, La., is president of consulting for the Pyramid Group.

Laurie Shelton Herring, Purvis, Miss., is the ministry coordinator and producer for *The United Methodist Hour.*

Amy Michel Hindman, Garland, Texas, is a senior account manager in the MPS Department of USI Southwest in Dallas. She and husband, Bill, recently celebrated their 12th anniversary.

Brian Kennedy, New York, N.Y., is a graduate student in Urban Planning at Hunter College.

Marla Moore, Miami, Fla., is the director of social services of Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and adjunct professor of Sociology and Psychology at the University of Alaska–Fairbanks.

1981

Kathy Brodnax, Shreveport, La., is the collection manager and gallery coordinator for the Meadows Museum of Art at Centenary College.

Robert Darrow, Shreveport, La., executive director of the Shreveport Little Theatre, was the inaugural winner of the G. Scott Griffin Memorial Award. The award recognizes a local artist who has overcome adversity to make a contribution to the community in the execution of his art.

Will Downs, Shreveport, La., is a district exploration manager for St. Mary Land and Exploration Company.

Russ Hodges, Austin, Texas, has co-authored a book, *Academic Transformation: The Road to College Success,* published by Prentice Hall. It is an educational psychological textbook written for freshmen in college academic success courses.

Cindy Gleason Johnson, Shreveport, La., is an account executive with KMSS FOX 33 and enrolled in the Centenay MBA program. She is a member of the First United Methodist Chancel Choir, the Image Award Chair with the Shreveport-Bossier Advertising Federation, vice president of the Centenary College Alumni National Board, Shreveport-Bossier Chi Omega Alumnae President and a member of the North Shreveport Lions Club.

Elsa Kapitan-White, Spring, Texas, is currently a technical editor for Schlumberger Oilfield Services.

Amy Wilson McGhee, Monticello, Ark., is the clinical director of Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Children's Home in Monticello, Ark.

Debbie Carter Mulvenna, Dallas, Texas, is assistant director of development for the athletic programs at SMU, where her

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Centenary Admission Network (CAN) Workshop — Aug. 24–25, 2008
CAN volunteer alumni from all over the nation visit the alumni office while here for training on how alumni can recruit new students to Centenary.

We want to keep in touch with you electronically and help you stay in touch with fellow alumni. Check out the interactive, alumni website CONNECT at connect.centenary.edu and find us on Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, and LinkedIn.

Houston Alumni Chapter Night at the Astros, Minute Maid Park — Sept. 26, 2008
Kathy Fraser Rachal '83 and Lee Fowler Brady '85

MBA Affinity Chapter Oct. 2008 Lunch Bunch, Chianti Restaurant, Shreveport — Oct. 1, 2008
Classmates Barry Milligan MBA '03 and Derrick Palmer MBA '03

Mississippi Alumni and Admissions Reception at the historic home of Eudora Welty, hosted by The Reverend Carol Borne Stewart '69 — Oct. 2, 2008

Former Centenary New Testament Professor, David Dykes and his wife, Debo, along with host, Carol Borne Stewart '69 and friend, Frank Spencer

Vice-President of Development Dr. Kathy Fell and Werdna Rew McClurkin '32

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GOLD Alumni Volunteer at the Red River Revel — Oct. 5, 2008

Patrick McCuller '04 and Taylor Robertson '07

daughter, Ryan, is a sophomore. Working with membership and events for the Mustange Club, she is finally being paid to plan parties and attend sporting events! Along with her husband Carlo, they are involved in the arts community and the *Wildflower! Arts and Music Festival* in Richardson. She is active in the music program at her church.

Merrill Wautlet, Shreveport, La., is a senior vice president and commercial loan officer with First National Banker's Bank. He is a correspondent banker and travels across central and north Louisiana assisting community banks with credit needs that exceed their legal lending limits.

Karen Bristow Grove, Pensacola, Fla., is an accountant for Gulf Power Company

Jimmy Frantz, Bossier City, La., received his B.S. in Biology and MBA from Centenary, and received his B.S. in Medical Technology from Louisiana Tech. He is the director of operations and compliance for Health Plus of Louisiana Inc.

John Holcomb, San Antonio, Texas, is a faculty member at the University of Texas Health Science Center. He received the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award in Trauma Resuscitation Science, which was established in 2003 to recognize leaders in this field.

Hal Sutton, Shreveport, La., was recently one of eight inducted into the 2009 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

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Mike Corbin, Shreveport, La., is a financial sevices professional for New York Life Insurance Company. He is active with the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, the Red River Revel and is a board member with the Friends of Barnwell Center.

John Harris, Katy, Texas, is an independent geologist.

Don Hughley, Shreveport, La., earned the title of Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor after completing an extensive training course offered through the College for Financial Planning. He works with Wachovia Securities and offers Investor Education seminars at his office.

Kirk Labor, Southlake, Texas, owns his own ophthalmology practice in Grapevine with a satellite office in Fort Worth and a new 15,000 square foot clinic and ambulatory surgery center in the works.

Melinda Love Lombardino, Huntsville, Ala., is a teacher at Lee High School, a magnet school for arts.

Steve Matta, Marietta, Ga., worked at the Georgia State University Economic Forecasting Center for 15 years as a research analyst. He is currently employed as a research analyst for the Cobb County School District. He and wife, Julee, stay busy with family, church, martial arts, and other hobbies.

Teri Oates Rosenzweig, Folsom, Calif., worked as a controller in the automotive field while raising her children. In March 2005, she married Bob Rosenzweig, formerly of Shreveport, a captain with America West Airlines. The following year, a very aggressive form of head and neck cancer claimed his life. She sings in the Chancel Choir at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church and enjoys snow skiing in Tahoe and spending time with her children as they prepare for college.

Darryn Walker, Ridgewood, N.Y., retired from a choral position at The Church Of The Oratory in Brooklyn, N.Y., after 14 years. He received an associates degree from the Institute of Audio Research in New York City, and has recorded concerts and events for clients in the New York and surrounding areas. He continues to write, sing, and record his own music.

Sarah Branton Wilkerson, Shreveport, La., began working at Yokem Toyota in August 2007. She was offered the job by **Alan Yokem '83** at the 2007 Centenary reunion. She says "It is a great place to work! I enjoy working with Alan." She and husband, Wade, recently celebrated 26 years of marriage. Their oldest daughter, Melissa, is a senior at NSU majoring in Chemistry. Their youngest daughter, Michelle, works fulltime. She enjoys visiting with her great aunt Ruth who is 104 years old. Ruth listens to CNN everyday and enjoys discussing the latest world events with Sarah.

Julie Clegg, Plano, Texas, is a web content manager for Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP.

Nicholas Stephens, Houston, Texas, is a partner at Wilson, Johnson and Stephens LLP.

1983

Bonnie Brown, Austin, Texas, is a consultant, writer and professor.

Cindy Garrett-Tocci, South Hamilton, Mass., lives north of Boston, and is the mother of three very active boys. She received her pharmacy degree in 1989.

David Langston, Shreveport, La., is active with several organizations including board member for the Right to Play, dedicated to building a playground enabling children with special needs to interact, play, and develop with other children. He is a board member of Peter Pan Players children's theatre group and a PTA volunteer at A.C. Steere Elementary and Youree Drive Middle School, and parent sponsor of the Youree Drive Middle School Show Choir.

David Lawrence, Metairie, La., is the owner of Delta Administrative Services. His company handles human resource and personnel administration, payroll and tax administration, risk management and work place safety and employee benefit administration.

Frances Harrell Livesay, Germantown, Tenn., is a professional organizer.

Larry McCammon, Ypsilanti, Mich., is a practice management coordinator for the University of Michigan Hospital.

Shawna Stotts Nielsen, Edmond, Okla., is a full-time realtor after 22 years as an accountant.

Carol Poole, Rockwall, Texas, is a physician at OB-GYN Place.

Sarah Vasser Reeks, Shreveport, La., is a classroom teacher for the Caddo Parish School Board.

Phil Tocci, South Hamilton, Mass., is head coach for the Hamilton Wenham Little League minor league Tigers team. His son, Philip, has become an amazing player. The Tigers were in the finals June 21, 2008.

Charles Boyd, Kansas City, Mo., is the owner of Synergy Mediation Midwest.

1984

Lanny Clement, Baton Rouge, La., is a lab technician at Lion Copolymer LLC.

J. J. Jordan Cowan, Dublin, Ohio, is the president and founder of Sennora Homes, a custom home building company.

Nancy Warnock Hilliard, Austin, Texas, is a one-year breast cancer survivor and doing great!

Matt Jacocks, Jefferson, La., is currently in private practice in Harahan, La., and has one child, Piper. He also works with the Friends of Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter.

Marty Krecker, Chattanooga, Tenn., is a surgeon in solo practice in Chattanooga. He and **Brian Ingalls '82** frequently work at the same hospital.

Dawn Sikes Liphart, Jacksonville, Fla., is a licensed mental health counselor responsible for group and individual therapy for Quality Life Center, a partial hospitalization program for chronically mentally ill adults. She works part-time in private practice counseling with children, adolescents and families. She has two daughters: Jalen, 17; and Kayci, 13. They bought their first home last year and would love for friends to come visit the beach with them!

Chris Murphy, Madison, Ala., works in business development for Lockheed Martin.

Jay Poss, Baton Rouge, La., is a probation and parole officer for the State of Louisiana. He plays soccer twice a week and golfs several times a month. He is looking to reconnect with old friends from Centenary living in the Baton Rouge area.

Johnny Rachal, East Amherst, N.Y., is a corporate business development manager for Groundwater and Environmental Services, Inc. He manages business development activities for a mid-sized national environmental consulting firm.

Nancy Fox Reiter, Hooks, Texas, is the owner of Unique Travels and Tours, a travel company specializing in student group tours—educational and performance. She is a municipal judge and current president of the Student and Youth Travel Association Board. She and husband, Marc, have five children: Riden, 13; Nathan, 11; Marc Jr., 7; and twins, Meagan and Reagan, 5.

Lee Thompson, Vancouver, Wash., works with Northwest Animal Companions, a dog and cat rescue organization that finds permanent homes for stray, abandoned, or unwanted pets.

1985

Betsy Camp-Hoffman, Dickinson, Texas, is a big sister in the Gulf Coast Chapter of Big Brothers and Big Sisters, vice president for Grants of D'Feet Breast Cancer, a Galveston county organization that provides free breast cancer screening, mammography, diagnosis, and treatment for low income women. Betsy serves on the Membership and Member Services Committee of the National Association of College and University Attorneys, and hosts the Texas affinity group luncheon during the annual conference.

J. Rand Certain, Plano, Texas, is the owner, president, and Maestro of Certain Music.

Lee Morgan, Hightstown, N.J., invites everyone to have a look and listen at myspace.com/leemorgansongs. Lee was recently featured in the Philadelphia music magazine, *Origivation.* There's a link to it on *MySpace* and an earlier editorial feature in *Dramatics Magazine.*

John Robinson, Huntsville, Ala., has worked in the defense industry since he left Centenary. He received his commission as a second lieutenant and began his second tour of duty in the U.S. Army. He is a program manager and military analyst for Missile Defense Systems at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. He serves on the executive board of Big Brother/Big Sister of North Alabama and is on the local, state and regional staff of the Royal Rangers.

Malcolm Wills, Duluth, Ga., is project manager for Cox Communications.

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Reading and book signing with Centenary alumna and author of the *The Migraine Brain*, Elaine McArdle '79, The Symphony House — Oct. 7, 2008
Interested audience members Renee' and President Emeritus Don Webb H'88

2nd Annual New Orleans Rock 'N Bowl, Mid City Lanes — Oct. 10, 2008
Mat Brooksher '06, Debbie Elsen '06 and Monique Hoffmeister '98

The Reverend Ed Dilworth Bible Study Class Reunion, Dallas, Texas — Oct. 11, 2008
Several Centenary alumni gathered in Dallas for a reunion of a Bible Study group they were a part of while at Centenary.

Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter Networking Mixer, Banditos Tex-Mex & Cantina, Dallas, Texas — Oct. 16, 2008
Ross Gilbert '08 and Will Lara '04

Shreveport-Bossier Chapter Family Picnic, Betty Virginia Park — Oct. 18, 2008
Shreveport-Bossier Chapter President Kim Meeder '95, and her future Gent, Logan (Class of 2027)

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Faculty-Alumni Dinner with Dr. Harold Christensen, Home of Angie White '93, *Topic: The Current Economy* — Oct. 21, 2008
Alumni enjoy dinner at the Home of Angie White '93 before hearing a talk from Centenary Economics Professor Dr. Harold Christensen. For more information on the Faculty-Alumni Dinner program, see the story on page 48.

Shawn Calhoun, Houston, Texas, is general manager of Lufkin Industries. He has been with them for more than 20 years.

Suzanne Thompson Harris, Saint Amant, La., completed graduate work in education at Southeastern Louisiana University in December 2008.

1986

Cheryl Dring, Sacramento, Calif., is the classical music director with Capital Public Radio.

Harvey Harris, North Little Rock, Ark., works as an attorney in private practice, specializing in civil litigation and estates.

Matthew Robinson, Friendswood, Texas, says "Life is good, but I miss Centenary and think about my time there often. Hopefully I can get at least one of my three children to go to school there!"

Kenny Gele, Gaithersburg, Md., retired from the Army in 2006 and now works for Lockheed Martin at their corporate headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Jeffrey McDonald, Sugar Land, Texas, is the senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Trinity, Texas.

Laura Clegg, Addison, Texas, is now Administrative Coordinator at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

1987

Susan Walker Collum, Bossier City, La., is the senior research attorney for the Louisiana Supreme Court.

Julia Martin-Jones, Charlottesville, Va., is the managing partner of her own real estate holding company, North Forty Properties LLC, and serves as one of three managing partners and treasurer for a family-owned company, NKM Properties LLC. She has volunteered for the domestic violence shelter in central Virginia for the past nine years, planning and helping to build a LEED certified (sustainable, "green") facility for their residential clients. She and her family spend most of every summer on Smith Mountain Lake in southern Virginia. She finished her first marathon last year in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and started another business which she co-manages with her brother.

Marianne Spruell Rowse, Kansas City, Mo., is a wardrobe associate for Kansas City Costume Inc., a member of American Friends Service Committee and the Historic Northeast Cultural Arts Commission.

1988

Robert Besser, Sour Lake, Texas, is a pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Jeff Goins, Alexandria, La., is a special agent with the FBI and transferred back to Alexandria in 2006. He is the head of the FBI gang task force in central Louisiana.

Jeff Hilder, Chicago, Ill., is a digital sales manager for CBS Radio.

Alexis Linoski, Annapolis, Md., is an electronic access librarian at the United States Naval Academy.

Marijane Buck Nguyen, Chandler, Ariz., completed the Music Therapy Equivalency Program at Arizona State University in 2008, the Guided Imagery & Music Level I Training, and is a board-certified Music Therapist. She is a health rhythms drum facilitator and works with children with developmental disabilities. She is a member of the American Music Therapy Association and Student Music Therapy Organization at Arizona State.

Fred Serrett, Spring, Texas, is senior credit manager of Huntsman Chemical Corp.

Donna Ball Terry, Shreveport, La., works as a physician assistant in Primary Care at the Overton Brooks VAMC caring for veterans in an outpatient setting. She was previously employed as a PA with The Family Doctors in Shreveport for 10 years.

Jennifer Watson, Dallas, Texas, works at the Dallas Convention & Visitors Bureau as a meeting and events manager planning special events and meetings for the DCVB and Sales & Services. She is a convention services manager booking meetings, conventions and tradeshows in Dallas.

Diana DeCharles, Shreveport, La., is president of Family Wealth Planning and Management Inc.

Kelly White, Topanga, Calif., has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology. She is in the process of earning her Master's of Spiritual Psychology and is a marriage therapist.

1989

Christine Ludy Dobson, Houston, Texas, has traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad, training and working with children who have experienced trauma or maltreatment. In 2007, she spent time working in South Africa and Norway.

Marc England, Seattle, Wash., is vice president of business development of OnRequest Images Inc.

Bob Graves, Austin, Texas, is a partner with Burns, Anderson, Jury and Brenner Law Firm. His area of practice is workers' compensation law.

David McAlilly, Madison, Miss., has recently become involved with the Centenary Choir Affinity Chapter.

Tamara White Murray, Lacombe, La., sings with the Northlake Performing Arts Society and Promusica. She is active in her church, the Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church of Lacombe, La. In addition to her two Centenary degrees, she has a Masters in Music Education from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Specialist Degree in School Psychology from Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, La.

Brad Nelson, Katy, Texas, is the vice president of internal audit/compliance for Live Nation.

Scott Pollock, Dallas, Texas, is a builder/broker for Pollock Custom Homes/Caltex Funding Corp.

Troy Randolph, Nashville, Tenn., and wife of 15 years, Lesilie, have fostered five children including a 12-year-old boy who is now living with them. Troy has been self-employed since graduation. He has been a restaurant and bar owner in Nashville, worked for a software manufacturer, a software developer/publisher in Dallas, and for the past 13 years has been an owner/partner in an executive search firm specializing in the healthcare industry. Troy and Lesilie head out to their place on Center Hill Lake as often as they can. They enjoy taking advantage of the wonderful weather and changing seasons Tennessee offers.

Mary Kay Burton Simmons, Little Rock, Ark., is a paralegal for the law offices of Gary Green.

John Winborn, Elm Grove, Wis., is vice president of technology with the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club after spending seven seasons with the San Francisco Giants. He oversees all technology used by players and works in the front office in the areas of scouting, player development, broadcasting, internet, retail, security, ticketing, ballpark entertainment, and operations. He has an extensive background in international sports with experience at the 1994 World Cup and 1996 Olympic Games. He took a leave from the Giants in 2004 to serve as an assistant venue technology manager at the Athens Olympic Games and currently works with the Chicago 2016 Olympic Bid Committee in hopes of bringing the games back to the United States.

1990

Bobby Baker, Colorado Springs, Colo., is the vice president of research and development for CorVirtus LLC. He and wife, Nicole, have lived in Colorado Springs for the past seven years and have two wonderful English bulldogs—Barney & Tubby! He still love sports, working out, and gripping and ripping.

Christy Wood Bauder, Pensacola, Fla., and husband, Christopher, live in Pensacola with their two daughters, Allison and Ellie. Christine worked in the cost accounting field for 12 years before becoming a stay-at-home mom. They stay busy with soccer, basketball, drama, Girl Scouts, and church activities. She teaches Sunday School in the elementary department, plays handbells, scrapbooks, and ferries children around town to various activities.

Chris Carstens, New Orleans, La., would love to hear from any fellow Centenary alumni!

Christopher Ehrlich, Spring Hope, N.C., is a minister at First Baptist Church.

Marc Jackson, Littleton, Colo., works for the Food and Drug Administration as an investigator in the Denver District office. He says, “it’s a fun and interesting job.”

Don Joe, Plano, Texas, says, “like so many others, I had to travel around the globe to find out that we have it pretty good here. I don’t expect to go anywhere for the next 20 years after putting my roots down here. Since college I’ve lived everywhere at some point: Asia, Australia, Central America, South Africa, and all over the states, but I sure miss Shreveport.”

Cindy LaFleur-Coleman, Lubbock, Texas, is the co-owner of Scrappin Hearts.

Kurt Norden, San Diego, Calif., thinks living in sunny San Diego is great! He is the program coordinator for Extended Education with Chapman University in San Diego, and would love to hear from his old friends!

Robyn Pryor, Fort Smith, Ark., is a medical social worker with the National Association of Social Workers.

Matt Trantham, Fayetteville, Ark., was named Arkansas’ senior associate athletic director for internal operations.

1991

Allyson Adair George, Garland, Texas, is a children’s ministry director at First United Methodist in Richardson, Texas. She holds a Masters of Religious Education from Perkins School of Theology.

David Hesser, Alexandria, La., is the managing partner of the Law Offices of David C. Hesser LLP and a Board Certified Family Law attorney who also practices personal injury law, auto accidents, and offshore accidents with offices in Alexandria and Shreveport.

Stacy Pever, Houston, Texas, relocated to the Middle East with husband, Robert, an engineer.

Paige Satcher, Denham Springs, La., worked 12 years in the fitness and wellness industry for Woman’s Hospital in Baton Rouge as a program coordinator and personal trainer. In August 2007, she decided

Shreveport-Bossier Chapter’s Halloween Final Friday, Stray Cat — Oct. 31, 2008
Katie Loomis ’99/’05 and her husband, Johnny, sport their costumes for the Halloween-themed Final Friday. Katie is Betty Crocker and Johnny is an escaped prisoner!

Centenary Tailgate at LSU v. Tulane, Tiger Stadium, Baton Rouge — Nov. 1, 2008
Baton Rouge Chapter President Beth Bonner DeVille ’99 and Adam D’Aquin ’08

Centenary College Choir *Rhapsody In View* Alumni Reception, Riverview Theater — Nov 1, 2008
Jennifer ’99 and Micah ’99 Strange. Jennifer wrote the lyrics to the Centennial Piece *Beauty in the Flood* composed by Centenary alumnus James Eakin ’99 that was premiered at this concert.

Alumni, do we have your e-mail address? If not, you are missing the monthly alumni eNewsletter and invitations to alumni events in your area. E-mail: alumni@centenary.edu to sign up.

Atlanta Chapter Holiday Reception, Home of Pete ’80 and Barbara ’83 DeBuys — Dec. 2, 2008
Dave and Debbie ’71 Spencer, Richard ’69 and Jeannie Schmidt, and Atlanta Chapter President Susanna Miller ‘04

Shreveport-Bossier Holiday Reception, Home of Alan ’83 and Kelly Yokem — Dec. 5, 2008
Content Cortese ’85 and Kakie Walker ‘06

Austin Holiday Reception, Home of Brown ’71 and Nancy ’70 Word — Dec. 6, 2008
Lee ’01 and Katie ’02 Parker, Sarah Bate ’03 and Brandon Wollerson ‘04

Houston Holiday Reception, Home of Mike ’63 and Carolyn ’65 Mann — Dec 7, 2008
Carl ’56 and Gen ’57 Stephens

to make a career change to education. She teachs 4th-6th graders.

Ford Thompson, Austin, Texas, is a financial advisor for Edward Jones Investments.

Britton Coffman, Houston, Texas, is an associate and project manager for Equipment Collaborative.

1992

Scott Durbin, Lafayette, La., is proud to report that his Disney television show, *Imagination Movers,* premiered in September 2008.

Christopher Jones, Houston, Texas, is a partner with Crady, Jewett & McCulley LLP. He is a member of the board of directors and serves on the membership committee for the Houston chapter of Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts.

Lauren Golden Warren, Palm Harbor, Fla., is a speech language pathologist.

Steve Weddle, Louisa, Va., was elected to the board of directors for the Virginia Press Association. He is publisher of *The Central Virginian* newspaper near Charlottesville, Va., and *The Goochland Courier* near Richmond. Steve and wife, Helen, live near the Chesapeake Bay and have two children: Jack, 4; and Emily, 7.

Carla Madison LeBoeuf, Lake Charles, La., stays busy with a high school freshman, a sixth grader, and a fourth grader. She is in her 15th year teaching middle school at Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School and serves on the board of directors of the Lake Charles Civic Ballet, where she teaches tap. She serves as case manager for the southwest chapter of LaSpirits Paranormal Investigations team.

Misty Lacewell Walker, Little Rock, Ark., is a speech pathologist.

E. Jay Ellington, Montclair, Va., received his MBA from Centenary and is executive director of the Prince William Country Park Authority.

Jennifer Burton Holloway, Shreveport, La., is self-employed with The Nanny Network & Sitters’ Registry. She is active in the Junior League of Shreveport-Bossier.

Heidi McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo., is director of religious education for the United States Army at Fort Carson, Colo.

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Andra Roy Chernack, Chevy Chase, Md., is an academic advisor at The George Washington University School of Law in Washington, D.C. She resides in Chevy Chase and invites anyone visiting the D.C. area to look them up.

Stephanie Keith-Kalk, Spring, Texas, is working on her Master’s Degree in Human Development with Pacific Oaks College.

Angie White, Shreveport, La., is the vice president of workforce development for the Northwest Louisiana Economic Development Foundation, the non-profit regional economic development arm of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce. She spearheads a pilot workforce initiative to address the needs of critical industries in the area that are having trouble finding employees with specific skill sets.

Mary Jo Sumpter White, Little Elm, Texas, works as a teacher in the Little Elm Independent School District.

Kim McGovern, Dallas, Texas, is senior counsel of Global Employee Benefits for a company called Flowserve.

Michelle Tillson Flisowski, Burleson, Texas, is department head of special education at LaPorte Junior High in Houston.

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Scott Auer, Shreveport, La., is a controller at Praeses Corporation and involved with the YMCA, Junior Achievement, LCPA, IIA, and IMA.

Sam Barg, Irving, Texas, is a buyer for Ute Mountaineer in Aspen, Colo.

Richard Gibbons, Baton Rouge, La., is a Ph.D. candidate at LSU Biological Sciences and a board member of the Baton Rouge Audubon Society.

Jennifer Godbold, Plano, Texas, was promoted to lead coder at Centennial Medical Center in Frisco, Texas. She enjoys the challenges that her position has given her.

Jennifer Vincent Grant, Garland, Texas, is the vice president of finance at Vincent Enterprises Inc.

Renee Johnson Jackson, Hyattsville, Md., is a member of the National Conference of Bankruptcy Clerks and she and husband, Alvin, are active members of the Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. They have a four-year-old daughter named Ariel.

Alexis Lindsey McQuitty, Galveston, Texas, is a cardiac and burn anesthesiologist at the University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston.

Denis Poljak, Shreveport, La., is a first vice president and financial advisor for Morgan Stanley in Shreveport.

Yancey Nolan, West Monroe, La., is a human resources manager with Faulk and Foster Real Estate. He was previously employed in the same field with a local not-for-profit agency in Monroe. He passed the Professional Human Resources Certification in January 2009. His wife of 11 years, Kristi, is a stay-at-home mom and home-schooling their three children. Yancey Jr. is in the third grade and John Brady and

Nancy Claire are in preschool. Yancey is a member of NELA SHRM, a deacon at First Baptist Church West Monroe, and serves on the personnel committee of First Baptist Church of West Monroe.

Jason Ring, Birmingham, Ala., is senior programmer analyst with AT&T in Birmingham.

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Kathy Brashears, Mc Kinney, Texas, worked with the Peace Corps in the Philippines from 2003-05 and is now working for the McKinney Independent School District.

Sally Calongne, Washington, D.C., is a development officer at the Levine School of Music. She works with foundations, corporations and governmental agencies to obtain funding for their organization. She says "It's a great place to work, but I always get the question of 'what do you play?' and I answer 'tennis' whereas most of my coworkers can name several instruments."

Jamar Comeaux, Westlake, La., is in Oman working for Halliburton.

Ginny Bowdon Ellsworth, Dallas, Texas, is involved with Altrusa International/ Downtown Dallas Professional Women's Service Organization and White Rock Republican Women's PAC as an officer. She is a sponsor/member of the Ferguson Road Initiative and is in the First United Methodist Choir in downtown Dallas. Ginny has worked with several dog rescue groups to provide low cost veterinary services.

Debbie Griffith Lamkin, Lafayette, La., traveled all over the place after graduating Centenary. She attended grad school in Las Cruces, N. M., and taught in Hokkaido, Japan. She came back, got married and realized teaching wasn't what she wanted to do. Debbie now works for an ophthalmologist in Lafayette doing medical billing.

Tami Jarecki Lund, Waterford, Mich., is the director of catering at Marriott Detroit Southfield.

Allison Haughton Martin, Shreveport, La., is an associate professor of English and Humanities at Bossier Parish Community College.

Courtney McLaughlin, Edmond, Okla., works for Sunwest Management as the regional director for Oklahoma overseeing the management and operations for high-end retirement and assisted living communities. Several of his properties offer memory care units—Alzheimers and dementia care is a great passion of his.

Bill Bush, Shreveport, La., received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and his MBA from Centenary. He has the *Bill Bush Combo* that performs for special events, private parties, etc. He also moderates a weekly cable television show called *Dateline Shreveport* about politics and Shreveport in general.

Charles Mentesana, Fairview, Texas, is a sales manager/loan officer for 1st Advantage Mortgage LLC.

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Laurie Smith Boswell, Shreveport, La., is chief operating officer of Holy Angels.

Stephen Cannon, Crowley, La., practices family medicine and owns his own laser center, among other things.

Tim Chastain, Plano, Texas, was named partner in Carrington, Coleman, Sloman and Blumenthal LLC. He specializes in business litigation and securities litigation. In 2007, he was recognized as a Texas Super Lawyers Rising Stars.

Lynd Matt, Boston, Mass., was promoted to director of development at the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. He handles major gift solicitation, planning for several capital campaigns with groups within his diocesan family, and works on centralizing the ancillary fundraising operations that function under their umbrella.

Frank May, Powder Springs, Ga., is now with Stiefel Laboratories of Duluth, Ga.

Amy Mieger, Burnsville, Minn., and husband, **Shay '97,** live in Minneapolis. Shay is a financial manager for Pepsi; she is a pediatric occupational therapist.

Chris Norris, Dallas, Texas, is an attorney with Carrington, Coleman, Sloman and Blumenthal.

Donald Ritchie, Boerne, Texas, went to UTHSCSA Dental School where he also completed his pediatric dentistry residency. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Kelly Griffin VanLaarhoven, Lagrange, Ga., and husband Dean have four children: Kari, 7; Rebekah, 6; Bethany, 4; and Joshua, 1. She resides south of Atlanta, and teaches physical education, Bible, and health at a Christian school. She coaches softball and is working towards a Master's degree in Education.

Gaela Youngblood, Shreveport, La., is a psychologist at LSU Health Science Center.

Jennifer Maher-Bontrager, Frisco, Texas, is currently working at EDS, an HP company in the Worldwide Marketing organization, where she is heavily involved in the EDS web presence's migration to and integration with HP.

David Orr, Shreveport, La., is the head coach of the men's soccer team at Centenary College.

Lafayette Holiday Reception, hosted by William Hagan '98, Petroleum Club of Lafayette — Dec. 9, 2008

Host William Hagan '98, his sister Cindy, her son and William's nephew, Nick, and William's mother. Nick is considering Centenary.

New Orleans Holiday Reception, Home of Trip '82 and Lisa Ludwig — Dec. 10, 2008

Gary Prechter '78 and Lucie Thornton '79

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Baton Rouge Holiday Reception, Home of Gray '64 and Suzanne Sexton — Dec. 11, 2008

Sherry Campbell '89 and Charlotte Mattmiller '77

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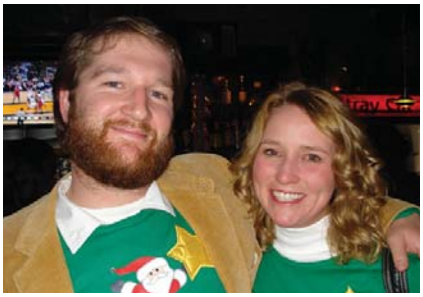

2nd Annual GOLD Tacky Christmas Sweater Party, Stray Cat — Dec. 12, 2008
David '01 and Elizabeth Rives '05 McCormick

Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter Holiday Reception, Home of Kathryn and Jimmy Francis, III '98 — Dec. 14, 2008
Eric Camp '04 and Sam Flores '00

Pre-Game 2009 Tailgate for Centenary Gents Basketball v. Oakland, Pie Works, Shreveport — Jan. 8, 2009
Jonathan Ferrell '05 and Chris Lavan '06, both now on staff at Centenary.

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Mark Arcemont, Irving, Texas, and Trey celebrated the blessing of their holy union at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco on June 12, 2008.

Heidi Arouty, Houston, Texas, is a dance instructor at St. John's School.

Luke Edmonson, Plano, Texas, is the owner of Edmonson Wedding Photography.

Joel Jowers, Kailua, Hawaii, began his third tour in Iraq as the assistant operations officer for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, based in Kane'ohe Bay, Hawaii. He flys assault support missions in support of the Marine Corps and the Joint and Combined Forces in Al-Anbar Province. He was promoted to the rank of major July 1, 2008.

Raymond Scriber, Baton Rouge, La., is the director of Louisiana Main Street in Baton Rouge.

Louisa Hamm, Nashville, Tenn., married Jamie Clary and the couple moved to Hendersonville, Tenn. She looks forward to getting involved in singing for wedding ceremonies and is working on a website.

Edward Wicker, Kenner, La., is an attorney and partner in the law firm Barrasso Usdin Kupperman Freeman & Sarver LLC.

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Allyson Eddy Bravmann, San Francisco, Calif., received a Masters of Library and Information Science in 2008 from San Jose State University. She works as an archival consultant.

Robert Caldwell, Nashville, Tenn., is senior vice president and healthcare program manager for Guy Brown Products.

Jeremy Erwin, Hammond, La., wife, **Carolyn '01,** and 2-year-old daughter, Emerson, have relocated to Hammond to be closer to family and friends. He is an Ob/Gyn at Magnolia Obstetrics and Gynecology at North Oaks Health System. Jeremy says, "It is great to be back in south Louisiana."

Dawn Franzen, Austin, Texas, worked as a physician assistant in Urgent Care from 2002–04 where she met her husband, Dean. She was in Internal Medicine in Las Colinas (Dallas) from 2004-07 while her husband completed his Master's in Physician Assistant Studies at UT Southwestern in Dallas. They share a passion for running, hiking, rock-climbing and beaches. They are ecstatic to be back in Austin, close to the Town Lake Trails and Dawn's parents, sister, in-laws, friends, and church. Dean loves his new PA job and their dream is to one day work together again as PAs. "No kiddos yet—their puppy is pretty good training."

Katharine Harper McCormick, Cedar Park, Texas, is employed with the Department of Aging and Disability Services where she accepted a new position as a policy specialist for Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with mental retardation and related conditions. Her husband, Bill, is the network manager for Data Foundry Inc. in Austin.

Rebecca Harper, Plano, Texas, is a specialty leasing manager for Macerich.

Holly Kymes, Dallas, Texas, is taking a break from teaching to stay home with her daughter, Mallory.

Barbara Morris, Stigler, Okla., has five grandchildren. Caleb, 5, and Ana, 2, live with their parents, Anthony and Lori, in Forney, Texas. Ana was recently adopted from Russia. Joshua, 6, and his twin brothers, Matthew and Christoper, 4, live in Waco, Texas, with their parents, Joe and Anne. Barbara and her husband, Johnny, own two rock quarries in eastern Okla.

Douglas Rogers, Kansas City, Mo., works for Cerner Corporation, a software company focused on healthcare information technology. He and wife, Karen, moved to Kansas City in 2004 from Austin. She is an attorney specializing in school law and works for a local law firm. The couple recently experienced the birth of their first child and look forward to the exciting changes that new life brings.

Monique Cousins Hoffmeister, New Orleans, La., was promoted to manager of investments at Entergy in October 2008 and celebrated her 10th anniversary with the company in March. She is responsible for the oversight of investments related to the company's benefit plans.

Shaun Jordan, Arlington, Texas, is a driver, engineer and parametic for the Mesquite Fire Department.

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George Fine, Alexandria, La., is an attorney with Provosty, Sadler, DeLaunay, Fiorenza and Sobel.

Amber Tompkins Hogan, White Hall, Ark., and husband, Robert, recently moved to White Hall where she works for Jefferson Regional Medical Center as a quality analyst. She plans to continue her home-based bookkeeping company.

Belinda Jones, Shreveport, La., who received her MBA from Centenary, is owner of Belinda Jones Consulting LLC. She is active with the Rotary Club, Altrusa Club, Professional Republican Women of Caddo, River Cities Network, Hope for the Homeless, Women of Community Renewal, and Executive Women International. Belinda is "Mimi" to Lauren Elizabeth, Caroline Elizabeth and Sydney Claire Jones.

Miles McDowell, Shreveport, La., says, "I enjoy science, humor, 'good' beer, pizza, mountain biking, the beach, naps, social responsibility, barbecue, music, books, cigars, camping, art, travel, cheese, learning, new experiences, fun, friends, and family."

Tyler Speckman, Shreveport, La., was nominated for Shreveport's Chamber of Commerce *40 under 40 Young Professionals* award in 2007.

Jennifer Phifer Strange, Shreveport, La., is an English lecturer and continuing education coordinator for the Christian Leadership Center at Centenary.

Liz Roberts Summers, Cedar Park, Texas, is a teacher. In 2007, she participated in her first two triathlons. "WOW—what an awesome experience," she says!

Ben Young, Katy, Texas, is a manager for Remedy Roofing.

Shaun Jackson, San Antonio, Texas, is a Pain Medicine Specialist with Consultants in Pain Medicine.

Shari Overbeek Stahl, Manvel, Texas, is a pediatric occupational therapist with MedCare Pediatric Group.

Kelly Gaines Tooke, Dallas, Texas, is a third grade teacher and has been with the district for eight years. She teaches reading and social studies at Mount Auburn Elementary. She enjoys tennis when time allows.

Clay Hargett, Houston, Texas, works for El Paso Exploration and Production.

Shelton Meacham, Shreveport, La., received his MA in sculpture from Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La., in 2005 and his MFA in sculpture from Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas in 2009.

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Shelley Schneider Armstrong, Shreveport, La., is an assistant professor and chair of the Centenary Health and Exercise Science Department. She is also the head cross country coach for both the men's and women's teams. A three-time Houston Marathon runner, Shelley completed the 2004 race in the top 5 percent of all runners and the top 2 percent of all female runners. She and husband, Brad, qualified for and competed in the Boston Marathon, and her husband is an IronMan. She is active in the Women's Ministry Team at First United Methodist Church, race director and originator of the annual "Healthy Kids' Fun Run", member of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (AAHPERD) and the Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (LAHPERD) and a member of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women organization.

Staci Braden, North Richland Hills, Texas, and her husband recently celebrated their first year together and one year in their new home. They enjoy getting to know new neighbors as more houses are built. They hope to make a trip Down Under and to nearby New Zealand prior to starting a family.

Rachel Demascal-Sellers, Shreveport, La., is a member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Shreveport Bird Study Group, and Red River Refuge Alliance. She is working on her MS Resource Interpretation at Stephen F. Austin State University and finishes May 2009.

Trish Lavin Guarisco, Houston, Texas, received her Master of Science in Geography from the University of New Orleans and worked as a geographer for Louisiana Department of Health's WIC and for the Pontchartrain Institute of Environmental Science. She is now a stay-at-home mom for two girls.

Robin Hill, Katy, Texas, and husband, **Nick '02,** have two daughters; Madeleine, 4, and new sister Kaitlin. She has taught 3rd grade PE and technology for eight years. She enjoys running and triathlons and completed the Ironman in Arizona.

Caressa Holloman, Seabrook, Texas, graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with her Master of Divinty and was ordained in May as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church. Caressa is married to Jonathan Murray, a recent graduate of Austin Seminary and a Peace Corp candidate for ordained ministry. Though they both went to college for degrees in the medical field, they have listened to God's call and have embarked on this journey of ministry side by side. They moved to Seabrook, where Caressa now serves as associate pastor for children, youth and families at Webster Presbyterian Church.

Ashley Hunter, Austin, Texas, is the president of HM Risk Group LLC.

Heather Alexander McIntyre, Lewisville, Texas, husband, Sean, and their two girls, Katelyn, 2, and Abigail, 7 months, moved to South Bend, Ind., so her husband could attend the University of Notre Dame's MBA Program.

Chris Susilovich, Houston, Texas, works with the Houston Safari Club as vice president of marketing and convention affairs.

Danielle West, Washington, D.C., is project manager at Kinsella/Novak Communications.

Regina Wren

Faculty-Alumni Dinner with Dr. Kelly Weeks, Home of Hoyt '63 and Charlcie Bain. *Topic: Working with the Millennial Generation* — Jan. 27, 2009
Hostess Charlcie Bain and Regina Wren '65. For more information on the Faculty-Alumni Dinner program, see the story on page 48.

Class of 1999 – 10th Reunion, Robinson Film Center — Feb 14, 2009
Members of the Class of 1999 pose for a photo at their 10th Reunion at Robinson Film Center during Homecoming 2009.

40th Class Reunion, Superior Steakhouse, Shreveport — Feb. 14, 2009
Ardis Robison '69 and Suzee Segall Robison '72

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GOLD Homecoming Party, Robinson Film Center — Feb. 14, 2009
Lindsey Garner Aucoin '04 and Amelia Harrell '06

Alumni Awards Dinner, Centenary — Feb. 13, 2009
Atlanta Chapter President Susanna Miller '04, and Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Saige Wilhite '05

Quinq Club Brunch — Feb. 14, 2009
Juan '57 and Bonnie '57 Watkins and Melvin '58 and Tommie Simmons

CENTENARY COLLEGE

2009 Highland Parade — Feb. 22, 2009
Alumni and friends ride on the Centenary College alumni float in the 2009 Krewe of Highland Parade

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Ashley Carter, Dallas, Texas, is a senior consultant at KPMG.

Sarah Dewitt, Shreveport, La., graduated from Centenary with a Master of Arts in Teaching. She is employed with Waller Elementary School in Bossier City as a fifth-grade reading and English teacher.

Nola Sieber Ernest, Birmingham, Ala., earned her Ph.D. in Neurobiology at University of Alabama at Birmingham where she anticipates her M.D. May 2009.

Jamie Hearne Irwin, Alexander, Ark., completed her residency training in pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences–Arkansas Children's Hospital in June 2008. She joined the group practice of Central Arkansas Pediatric Clinic in Benton, Ark., where she is one of six staff pediatricians. She and her husband, Matt, are pleased to announce they are expecting their first child in early Dec.

Staci Kwast, West, Texas, is a science teacher for Connally Independent School System.

Ashley Knecht Leach, Baton Rouge, La., competed in one of the most infamous and extreme sporting events—the Accenture Escape from Alcatraz Triathlon in San Francisco with her husband, Darron Leach. Both represented Louisiana well in this international event.

Laura Lindsay, Lake Charles, La., is working on her Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She is a Kappa Epsilon, a member of Louisiana Student Pharmacy Alliance, Louisiana Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, and Phi Lambda Psi Honor Society. Laura is active with Susan G. Komen, American Heart Association and March of Dimes.

Beth Tener, Orlando, Fla., graduated from law school at the University of Miami in 2003. She spent three years with the State Attorney's Office as a prosecutor, and left in 2006 to practice family law in a West Palm Beach law firm. She and her fiancé, Ben, were engaged in August 2007 and wed Dec. 13, 2008 in Amelia Island, Fla.

Tamitha Zook, Edwards, Calif., is working with the Palmdale Playhouse as the director of the Palmdale City Players, youth and adult divisions where she teaches acting and directs plays. She directed Andrew J. Fenady's production of *Yes, Virginia There Is a Santa Claus,* and *The Radio Play.* It was a world premier on stage and filmed for PBS and NPR for the classroom. She says, "It was a great opportunity and honor to work with one of Hollywood's great minds, who has received awards for writing many westerns for television and film.

Jason Wingert, Dallas, Texas, manages investments in oil and gas, real estate, and a portfolio of securities. Jason is a commercial real estate broker and looking to build relationships for fututre investment opportunities.

Lindsay Atkins, Shreveport, La., is on the board of directors for the Robinson Film Center and KSCL. She is on the Ambassadors Council for the University Club in Shreveport, a member of the Executive Council for Chi Omega Alumnae Association and a volunteer for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Evette Barnes, Manhattan, Kan., received her Master of Health Administration from La Trobe University. Shortly thereafter she was sworn into the U.S. Army and attended nearly 10 months of training before being commissioned as an officer. Her first assignment took her to Fort Riley, Kan., where she was assigned to the Big Red One and deployed to Baghdad in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She redeployed in April 2008 and is now at Ft. Hood, excited about being near her nieces.

David Hamm, Baton Rouge, La., is an associate in the transactions section of Jackson Walker in Austin.

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Ariej Abdulhalim, Shreveport, La., is the co-director of the Renzi Education and Art Center.

Mindy Montgomery Ancelet, Sunset, La., is the French teacher at Opelousas Catholic High School.

Dana Beyert, New York, N.Y., works for Gen Art, a non-profit organization dedicated to nurturing new talent in the film, fashion, visual art, and music industry. She manages various sponsors for events they produce (fashion shows, film screenings and festivals, music concerts and gallery shows). She recently returned from the Sundance Film Festival where she helped produce 10 premiere after-parties at the SKY360 by Delta space on historic Main Street. She lives on the Upper West Side a few blocks from her sister, **Lindsay Beyert '06.**

G.B. Cazes, Bossier City, La., is the assistant director of the Cyber Innovation Center in Bossier City.

Chris Fontenot, Orange, Texas, is a forensic scientist for the Jefferson County Regional Crime Lab.

Angelique Lasseigne, Arvada, Colo., is a metallurgical engineer working at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Amanda Lee, Grand Cane, La., works in Jamaica for the Peace Corps as a community health adviser. After graduating, she worked for the State of Vermont, and was a member of the volunteer fire department.

Joseph Legg, Sibley, La., is the music pastor at Farm Loop Christian Center in Palmer, Alaska, and married to Jennifer.

Michelle Long, Shreveport, La., works in addiction recovery as a case manager and therapist after completing her Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from LSUS in 2005.

Tom Louis, Arlington, Texas, graduated from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in May 2008. He is a resident in the diagnostic radiology program at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Sarah King Sarver, Tallahassee, Fla., and husband, Bruce, celebrated their fifth anniversary June 14. They have two adopted children (rescued dogs) and are members of Four Oaks Community Church, where they co-teach Sunday-school. Sarah completed coursework towards a Ph.D. in music theory at Florida State University.

Sarah Williams Shoup, Denham Springs, La., is an ordained Deacon in Full Connection with the United Methodist Church at the Louisiana Annual Conference and accepted a position as the director of community life at First United Methodist Church in Lake Charles, La. She and husband, Brian, and daughter, Elizabeth, are enjoying their new home.

Christin Lawrence Stoner, Columbia, Mo., is a registered nurse at University Hospital working in adult and pediatric ICU. Her husband, **Josh '99,** is the director of strength and conditioning for the University of Missouri.

Heather Lindsey, Shreveport, La., is the owner of Lucky's Yellow Rubber Ducky.

D'Ahn Inman McDonald, Hooks, Texas, works for a Medicare Advantage plan doing provider relations after working several years at a medical equipment company in New Orleans, Dallas and Beaumont. She and husband, Chris, who she met at Centenary married in October 2004. They bought their first home near Texarkana in February 2006 where they live with their three dogs.

Brad Pinkston, Dallas, Texas, is a technical consultant with EMC Corp.

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Paul Aucoin, Shreveport, La., recently graduated from LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport. He is doing an anesthesiology residency at LSUHSC- Shreveport.

Ashlei Baker Bauer, Starkville, Miss., received her DVM from Mississippi State University College of Veterinary Medicine in Starkville, Miss., May 2007. She is a clinical instructor of anesthesia at MSU-CVM, while husband, Marty, attends MSU. She and Marty have a beautiful daughter, Ava Catherine, who is 15-months-old. They plan to move back to Shreveport, where Marty will continue his education with plans to attend optometry school.

Johnny Bridges, Shreveport, La., is the regional director of finance for Harrah's Entertainment.

Jessica Clampitt, Denver, Colo., lives with husband, David, who is a family medicine resident at the University of Colorado.

Katie Cooper, New York, N.Y., is a copywriter for CDMi Connect.

Chip Corbett, Shreveport, La., received his MBA from Centenary and has worked for the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office for 12 years. He is the program director at Sheriff's Safety Town and vice president of Friends of Safety Town.

Karen Degenhart, La Place, La., and husband, William, have a 9-month-old baby boy named William Jr.

Krystil Garrett, Frisco, Texas, works as an attorney for the offices of Jones & Davis.

Jonathan Hammett, Berkeley, Calif., begins seminary at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, this fall. He is a clergy candidate with the Metropolitan Community Churches. He accepted a position as coordinator of family ministries at Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, which is a member congregation of the Reconciling Ministries Network.

Amanda Holloway, Tyler, Texas, is executive director of the Christian Women's Job Corps of Tyler. The CWJC is a ministry of the WMU aiming to provide a Christian context where women in need are equipped for life and employment. She teaches psychology as adjunct faculty at Lon Morris College.

Chip LeDuff, Nacogdoches, Texas, is at Stephen F. Austin State University in the nursing program. He is hospital corpsman Second Class with the U.S. Navy and is involved with the Boy Scouts of America.

Christy Melton LeDuff, Nacogdoches, Texas, is a pre-kindergarten teacher at the Early Childhood Lab School on the Stephen F. Austin campus and is working on a masters degree in elementary education.

Robyn Marchand, Houston, Texas, is an exploration geophysicist for Marathon Oil Company. She is on the AAPG Student Expo Committee and the Marathon Young Professional Organization where she served as an advisory board member in 2008 and as social co-chair in 2009.

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DC Chapter Gumbo Mambo, Home of Tom Head '64 — March 14, 2009

Hosts Tom Head '64 and Mike Cavanagh with gumbo cook Angie White '93

Faculty-Alumni Lunch with Dr. Harold Christensen, Hosted by Walter Lamb '84
***Topic: The Condition of Our National Economy* — March 18, 2009**

Dr. Christensen visits with alumni before his talk. For more information of the Faculty-Alumni Dinner program, see the story on page 48.

Libby Andress

Shreveport-Bossier March Final Friday Networking Mixer, Bistro Byronz — March 27, 2009

Libby Andress '83, Kathy Fell, vice-president of development, and Cynthia Lewis '75

Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter Crawfish Boil, Nate's Steak and Seafood in Addison, Texas — March 28, 2009
Wendell Shillig '02 and Jason Wingert '01

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Austin Chapter Networking Mixer, The Lanai Rooftop Lounge — April 17, 2009
Austin alumni show off their Centenary door prize winnings at the networking mixer

Faculty-Alumni Dinner with Dr. Chris Ciocchetti, Home of Drew '92 and Kim '95 Meeder, *Topic: The Ethics of Food* — April 30, 2009
Hosts Drew '92 and Kim '95 Meeder pose with guests Erin Pizarro '95 and Angie White '93. For more information on the Faculty-Alumni Dinner program, see the story on page 48.

Nathan McAbee, Shreveport, La., moved back to Shreveport from San Luis Obispo, Calif. He is working as a financial advisor for JPMorgan Chase and is the assistant coach for Centenary men's soccer team.

Cody McDonald, Fort Worth, Texas, is a staff attorney for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Ben Pierce, Carrboro, N.C., works as a post-doctorate research scientist at the GKSS Zentrum für Biomaterialentwicklung in Berlin.

Valerie Olson Robideaux, Shreveport, La., is the theological studies coordinator for Centenary.

Amanda Storer, Tyler, Texas, worked at Disney World her first year after graduating. Even though the job had nothing to do with her degree, it was a blast and she absolutely LOVED it! Amanda continued her education and is a licensed physical therapist assistant working at Ellis Rehab Just for Kids in Tyler and enjoys every minute of it! She is a child advocate for Compassion International and is affiliated with 4-H.I.M., an organization supporting several third-world countries such as Sierra Leone, Africa and the Wellington Orphanage.

Joanna Tagert, San Francisco, Calif., went on to obtain a Baccalaureate Certificate in Painting from the San Francisco Art Institute after graduating from Centenary with a B.A. in Painting and Sculpture.

Maria Moores Watts, Evanston, Ill., married Michael Watts in June 2008, while working as a corporate financial analyst at Stephens Inc. in Little Rock, Ark. They relocated to Evanston where he attends business school at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. She is an associate with P&M Corporate Finance in Chicago.

Marcie Cloud, Shreveport, La., is a registered nurse at Willis-Knighton in Shreveport.

Dan Duzan, Shreveport, La., is a cased hole field engineer for Schlumberger.

Jean Ancelet, Sunset, La., is currently a fourth year medical student at LSUHSC-New Orleans and his rotations are based out of LSUHSC-UMC in Lafayette, La. Graduation is May 16, 2009 and the next step is residency at LSUHSC-Family Medicine in Lake Charles, La.

2004

Kathryn Applegate, San Diego, Calif., is a Ph.D. student at The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif. She received a full tuition grant from the C.S. Lewis Foundation for a Oxbridge Conference summer 2008.

Sharon Basham, Jackson, Tenn., works at a small private college in the Institute for Servant Leadership. She assists students in understanding the meaning of calling and servant leadership and works with local non-profit agencies to coordinate student volunteer work. Sharon lives with husband, David, and their two dogs.

Justin Breitschopf, Washington, D.C., is a consultant of public services and asset management solutions with BearingPoint Management & Technology Consultants. He works with the Air Force District of Washington, implementing the recommendations from the BRAC Commission for Bolling Air Force Base. He is located at Andrews Air Force Base.

Justin Clark, Plano, Texas, is engaged to Melinda Murrell.

Sarah Earhart, Shreveport, La., is a financial services representative for Charles McCreary State Farm.

Aimee Lange, Greensboro, N.C., volunteers with the local Junior League.

Jennifer Hawkins Laurent, Beale Air Force Base, Calif., is a data program assistant for the Child Abuse Prevention Council.

Melissa LeGrand, Alexandria, La., received her Juris Doctorate from Tulane University May 2007.

Gentry Haughton Roop, Houston, Texas, graduated with a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree from the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science June 2008. While attending the Scholl College, she worked as a podiatry assistant at a private practice in Gurnee, Ill. She will begin residency in podiatric medicine and surgery at West Houston Medical Center.

Peter Sidaros, Katy, Texas, is a senior drilling fluid engineer for Spirit Drilling Fluids.

Lauren Koehn Snider, Oklahoma City, Okla., graduated from physical therapy school at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center May 2008.

Erin Watson, Alexandria, La., is a physician assistant in general surgery.

Melissa Guillory Weaver, New Orleans, La., is working for Ochsner Health System.

Ledah Welch, Weatherford, Texas, works as a marketing services analyst at RadioShack. She just completed her second marathon, the Cowtown Marathon, held in Ft. Worth each year. She continues her soccer career for the Fort Worth Adult Soccer Association.

Russell Young, Houston, Texas, received his Master of Science Degree in Geological

Studies from The University of Texas at Austin in 2007.

Eric Camp, Irving, Texas, works for Whitaker, Chalk, Swindle & Sawyer LLP in Fort Worth in the firm's oil and gas section. He is married to Karla Kaye Roberts from Shreveport.

Kristin Ballard Holland, Rogers, Ark., is now working as an office assistant for Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Ark. The museum is located on 105 acres in northwest Arkansas, and is scheduled to open in 2010. They are currently operating a gallery in the historic Massey Building, where their next exhibition is PostSecret.

Katie McKay, Bossier City, La., is engaged to Taylor Simpson of Shreveport and their wedding will take place the fall of 2009.

Trent Siskron, Houston, Texas, is an investment sales associate with NAI Houston.

Traci Smith, Abilene, Texas, is a clinical therapies specialist with Smith & Nephew Orthopedics and is a member of the Junior League of Abilene.

Jennifer Maynard, Memphis, Tenn., received her Master of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and is working on a Ph.D. in the School of Psychology at the University of Memphis.

2005

Breanna Betts, Shreveport, La., has her Masters of Human Services Administration from LSU-Shreveport.

Lisa Bounds, Austin, Texas, teaches 7th grade language arts, a mythology elective for grades 6-8, and an environmental science elective for grades 6-8. She serves as the Austin Alumni Chapter President for Centenary.

Sarah Bowman, Little Rock, Ark., is the program/finance officer for the Arkansas Service Commission, a part of the Department of Human Services, Division of Volunteerism. The ASC oversees AmeriCorps programs within the state and the management of the federal grants used to fund the programs. She also assists with the AmeriCorps Arkansas alumni.

Morgan Elliott, Fort Worth, Texas, is an attorney.

Sherricka Fields, Shreveport, La., is vice president of Grigsby and Associates Inc, an investment bank. She is active in the community as co-director, instructor, and choreographer of Christian Dance Center; board member of Shreveport Downtown Development Authority; and public relations chair of the Krewe of Harambee. Sherricka is Series 7 licensed and a ballet, jazz, and tap dancer.

Katherine Fullbright, Ventura, Calif., is the concert coordinator for Continental Singers.

Malinda Gilder, Oklahoma City, Okla., and husband, Sean, adopted 7-year-old, Aries NeCaise, and live in Oklahoma City.

Mary Greene, Fort Worth, Texas, is the director of youth ministries for Edge Park United Methodist Church.

Kelsey Bellamy Johnson, College Station, Texas, is a communications specialist with the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M. Her interests include gardening, web and print design, playing piano, singing, photography, writing, experimenting in the kitchen, reading, traveling, being outdoors, decorating, doing pilates and playing tennis.

Laurie Stevison, Houston, Texas, is a graduate student at Duke University in the Biology Department.

Jared Williams, West Monroe, La., is starting as the associate pastor at McGuire United Methodist Church. He completed his Master of Divinity in May and in June 2009, he will be a commissioned pastor on the Elder track.

Brandon Larson, Hermosa Beach, Calif., is a design engineer for The Boeing Company.

Kimberly Magnson, Seattle, Wash., is an active volunteer with the Girl Scouts.

Meredith Foster, Crosby, Texas, completed coursework towards a Master of Arts in Arts Administration from the University of Akron in Ohio. While there, she worked as the director of education and community engagement for the Akron Symphony Orchestra. In March, she moved to Houston to work for the Houston Symphony as the assistant to the general manager in operations, personnel and education. She will be getting married in July.

Jennifer Hayes, Austin, Texas, is an events manager for the Gerrson Lehrman Group.

Sarah Myers, Gulfport, Miss., received her Masters in Physical Therapy from LSUHSC in Shreveport in 2007 and is now working on a Doctorate in Physical Therapy, which she hopes to finish in 2010.

2006

Elizabeth Allen, New Orleans, La., attends LSU School of Medicine in New Orleans, Class of 2010.

Amy Harrell, Tyler, Texas, is a distributor for Apex Geoscience Inc.

Megan Vaughn Lerchie, Shreveport, La., graduated in May 2008 from LSUHSC-Shreveport, receiving a Masters in Communication Disorders. She is now a Speech-Language Pathologist at Christus Schumpert-St Mary Place.

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Birmingham Networking Mixer, Jackson's Bistro in Homewood, Ala. — May 1, 2009
Director of Alumni Relations Carla E. Alsandor MBA '04 visits with Birmingham area alumni

Atlanta Chapter Crawfish Boil with the Louisiana Colleges Coalition, Festival Center in Duluth, Ga. — May 2, 2009
Atlanta Alumni enjoy crawfish and all the fixings!

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FACULTY-ALUMNI DINNER PROGRAM

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The Office of Alumni Relations strives to bring faculty and alumni together throughout the year to interact with each other. Interesting and fun dinners, hosted by Alumni Association board members, took place in 2008-09. Angie White '93 kicked off the series with Dr. Harold Christensen, professor of economics, sharing his insights on the economic downturn. The next dinner was hosted by Charlcie and Hoyt '63 Bain with Dr. Kelly Weeks, professor of business, talking about generation gaps in the business environment. Walter Lamb '84 invited Dr. Christensen back to address another group of alumni at a lunch gathering that he hosted at a new bank branch. The next one featured Dr. Earle Labor H'90, Wilson Professor of American Literature. He was invited to the home of Cindy '81 and Neil Johnson to share some of his experiences as a premier Jack London scholar. The series wrapped up with Dr. Chris Ciocchetti, associate professor of philosophy, fascinating hosts Kim '95 and Andrew '92 Meeder and their guests with his observations about the ethics of food.

The next series will begin in the fall of 2009. If you are interested in hosting a dinner, e-mail alumni@centenary.edu.

Erin McQuiston, Urbana, Ill., completed work for her Master's degree in English Literature at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and teaches literature and writing while working on her Ph.D. dissertation.

Rebecca Murphy, Elm Grove, La., is a student and research assistant at Texas A&M University.

Jenna Roche, Shreveport, La., is an elementary teacher at Blanchard Elementary.

Wynne Stuart, Baton Rouge, La., is an associate financial representative with Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

Lindsay Beyert, New York, N.Y., actively participates with non-profit organizations such as C Cap, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and Gen Art.

Brandon Brownson, Las Vegas, Nev., is a first-year law student.

Diya Surie, New Orleans, La., is a second-year medical student at the LSUHSC in New Orleans.

Luiza Pegado, Shreveport, La., is an internal auditor for Prudential of Brazil.

2007

Nic Clark, Collinsville, Ill., is a park guide at Pea Ridge National Military Park.

Nicole Deese, Clemson, S.C., attends Clemson University working towards her Ph.D. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

Jason Holland, Rogers, Ark., wife, **Kristin Ballard Holland '04,** and their three dogs moved to Rogers, where he is a financial service representative with Arvest Bank Group in Bentonville, Ark.

Kevin Jenkins, Shreveport, La., is working on his Masters of Fine Arts in Photography at the Academy of Art University.

Jillian Kennedy, Bossier City, La., is working on a medical technology degree at the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center School of Medical Technology.

Julie Porche, Mobile, Ala., is working toward her doctorate degree in physical therapy at the University of South Alabama. She will graduate May 2010.

Julia Reynolds, Houston, Texas, is a second year graduate student at Baylor College of Medicine.

Jeremy Tan, Hyattsville, Md., is the assistant general manager for The Greene Turtle Sports Bar & Grille.

Colleen Young, Conway, Ark., is an accountant with Ozark Mountain Construction Co.

Ryan Oliver, Spring, Texas, is a sales representative for National Oilwell Varco.

Marriages

Christy Sartwell Quatacker '97, Dallas, Texas, and Jeremy Quatacker, Sept. 8, 2007.

Larry Branson '06, Beggs, Okla., and Sarah Branson, Sept. 16, 2007.

Tracey Autrey Josefovsky '00, Houston, Texas, and Ryan Josefovsky, Oct. 20, 2007.

Leanne LaCaze Bridges '05, Natchitoches, La., and James Bridges, Oct. 27, 2007.

Greg Caldwell '81, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Shonda Kladky, March 10, 2008.

David McCormick '01, Shreveport, La., and **Elizabeth Rives '05,** May 31, 2008.

Carly Feightner '05, Shreveport, La., and **Cameron Feightner '06,** May 31, 2008.

Danielle Spoehrer Walsh '99, Tomball, Texas, and Damian Walsh, June 1, 2008.

Lora Morvant '95, Carrollton, Texas, and Matthew Morvant, June 21, 2008.

Meg Polito Scallan '06, Columbia, Mo., and **Josh Scallon '05,** June 28, 2008.

Lauren Frost '06, Calgary, AB, and **David McElroy '08,** July 12, 2008

Lee Reynolds '02, Fort Worth, Texas, and John Cockrell, July 12, 2008.

Jeffrey Daiell '73, Houston, Texas, and Stephanie Zachry, Aug. 8, 2008.

Mary Chaney Gregory '06, Atoka, Okla., and Jon Gregory, Oct. 25, 2008.

Aimee Miceli McGlone '02, Metairie, La., and Kevin McGlone, Nov. 8, 2008.

Eric Camp '04, Irving, Texas, and Karla Kaye Roberts, Feb. 21, 2009.

Births

Colin ’01 and **Elizabeth Daughenbaugh Delaney ’03,** Mc Kinney, Texas, boy, Jackson, March 11, 2007.

Charles Neff ’93 and **Christine Milligan ’91,** Fairfax, Va., twins, Max and Rose, March 28, 2007.

Tyler ’99 and **Amanda LeBlanc Speckman ’02,** Shreveport, La., boy, Peyton Tyler, Aug. 28, 2007.

Herb and **Anna Ludke Coussons ’91,** Greenleaf, Wis., girl, Elianna Sarah, Sept. 1, 2007.

Chad and **Monica Ford Ardoin ’04,** Keithville, La., girl, Emma Grace, Sept. 25, 2007.

Chris and **Jennifer Warner Martin ’98,** Owasso, Okla., boy, Mason Edward, Oct. 1, 2007.

Robert and **Catherine Cabaniss Sharpe ’00,** Memphis, Tenn., girl, Mary Catherine Cabaniss Sharpe, Oct. 22, 2007.

Kenny ’99 and **Julia Morrow ’97,** Shreveport, La., boy, Michael Godfrey Morrow, Nov. 27, 2007.

Cris Bregman ’06, San Antonio, Texas, boy, Beau Lamar Bregman, Dec. 7, 2007.

Matthew and **Holly Kymes ’98,** Dallas, Texas, girl, Mallory McKennon Kymes, Dec. 26, 2007.

Ginny Bowdon Ellsworth ’95, Dallas, Texas, boy, Ryan Jackson, Dec. 27, 2007.

Casey and **Shannon Guzovich Tyler ’02,** Manteca, Calif., boy, Logan Charles, Jan. 4, 2008.

Trey and **Adrianne Haddox Smith ’95,** Ruston, La., girl, Camille Frances Smith, Jan. 30, 2008.

Karen and **Douglas Rogers ’98,** Kansas City, Mo., boy, Alexander Randolph Rogers, Feb. 16, 2008.

Mitzi and **Kolby Nix ’87,** Shreveport, La., boy, Bryce Alexander Nix, Feb. 20, 2008.

Greg and **Andra Roy Chernack ’93,** Chevy Chase, Md., boy, Andrew Elliott Roy Chernack, March 22, 2008.

Valerie and **David Jalanivich ’01,** Diamondhead, Miss., girl, Addison Anne Jalanivich, April 1, 2008.

Eddie and **Jeantte Bingeman Ellefson ’97,** Dallas, Texas, boy, Logan Manning Ellefson, April 4, 2008.

Thomas ’03 and **Rebekah Lagersen Louis ’03,** Arlington, Texas, boy, Charles Henry Louis, April 12, 2008.

Josh ’99 and **Christin Lawrence Stoner ’02,** Columbia, Mo., boy, Jackson Douglas, April 13, 2008.

Liz Roberts Summers ’99, Cedar Park, Texas, boy, Jackson Lake Summers, April 18, 2008.

DeAndre ’04 and **Kelsey Bellamy Johnson ’05,** College Station, Texas, girl, Natalie Kaye, April 25, 2008.

Shane and **Melonie Whitehead Himel ’95,** Sulphur, La., boy, Garrett Kyle Himel, May 1, 2008.

Chad and **Rebecca Brown Shipp ’99,** Bossier City, La., girl, Caroline Kristi, May 2, 2008.

John and **Kerry Bujarski Bleil ’99,** Haughton, La., girl, Anna Kathryn, May 14, 2008.

David ’98 and **Jessica Clampitt ’03,** Denver, Colo., boy, Sam David, June 20, 2008.

Adam ’02 and **Kristin Middleton Blancher ’05,** Shreveport, La., boy, Thomas Christian Blancher, July 18, 2008.

David ’01 and **Lindsay Yearwood Campbell ’05,** Austin, Texas, girl, Carson Avery Campbell, Oct. 27, 2008.

Shelly and **Thomas Eskew ’98,** Bossier City, La., girl, Madelyn Jules Eskew, Oct. 28, 2008.

Anne and **Rob Rooney ’92,** Spring Branch, Texas, girl, Loaring Eileen aka “Ellie”, Nov. 12, 2008.

Matt and **Jamie Hearne Irwin ’01,** Alexander, Ark., boy, Ethan David Irwin, Nov. 24, 2008.

J.T. ’02 and **Katie Meinen ’03 Cope,** Fort Worth, Texas, girl, Taylor Sara, Dec. 12, 2008

Kristen and **Matt Trantham ’90,** Fayetteville, Ark., boy, Davis, 2008.

Kristen Batchelor Walker ’96, Cary, N.C., girl, Meredith Virginia Walker, 2008.

Shaun and **Erin Byrd Oliver,** Springdale, Ark., boy, Elliot Martin Oliver, Jan. 27, 2009.

Michael ’01 and **Kelly Gaines ’99 Tooke,** Dallas, Texas, boy, Bryce Cooper, March 31, 2009.

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Sept. 18, 2008

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Eleanor Hutchinson Parker ’33
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April 13, 2004

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Feb. 21, 2008

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Estelle Wilson Hiers ’35
Oct. 6, 2008

Rose Connell Fitzgerald ’36
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June 23, 2008

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March 7, 2008

John Greer ’37
Dec. 16, 2008

Kirby Wilson ’38
May 22, 2007

Murphy Yearwood ’38
March 19, 2008

Annelle Hutchinson Hooper ’38
July 11, 2008

Iva Lynn Eatman Cameron ’38
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Beverly Cooper Shaffer ’38
March 18, 2009

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Nov. 25, 2008

Floyd Norton ’39
Nov. 26, 2008

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June 15, 2007

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March 1, 2008

Doris Henry Scott ’40
April 15, 2008

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July 13, 2008

Mike Blandino ’40
Aug. 9, 2008

Sula Crawford White ’40
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Sept. 14, 2008

Billie Cady May ’40
Jan. 4, 2009

Marie Spivey ’40
Jan. 5, 2009

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April 30, 2005

John Gilcrease ’41
July 22, 2006

Carl Vollmer ’41
July 27, 2006

Francis May ’41
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Dec. 28, 2007

Dorothy Vestal Brazil ’41
Jan. 27, 2008

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June 26, 2008

Grace Ingersoll Smith ’41
Oct. 16, 2008

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July 21, 2005

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Aug. 22, 2008

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July 30, 2007

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Jan. 5, 2008

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June 23, 2008

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Jan. 23, 2009

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July 13, 2006

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Nov. 26, 2007

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March 3, 2008

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Aug. 14, 2008

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March 11, 2006

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Oct. 1, 2007

Ed Hughes ’48
Nov. 28, 2007

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June 26, 2008

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David Smith ’67
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Nov. 27, 2008

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April 7, 2008

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Feb. 21, 2009

Robert Turnbull ’72
July 27, 2004

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June 14, 2008

Ruth Dale Pinckley ’78
Nov. 27, 2007

Jo Ellen Crow ’82
March 11, 2008

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Jan. 27, 2006

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Dec. 13, 2008

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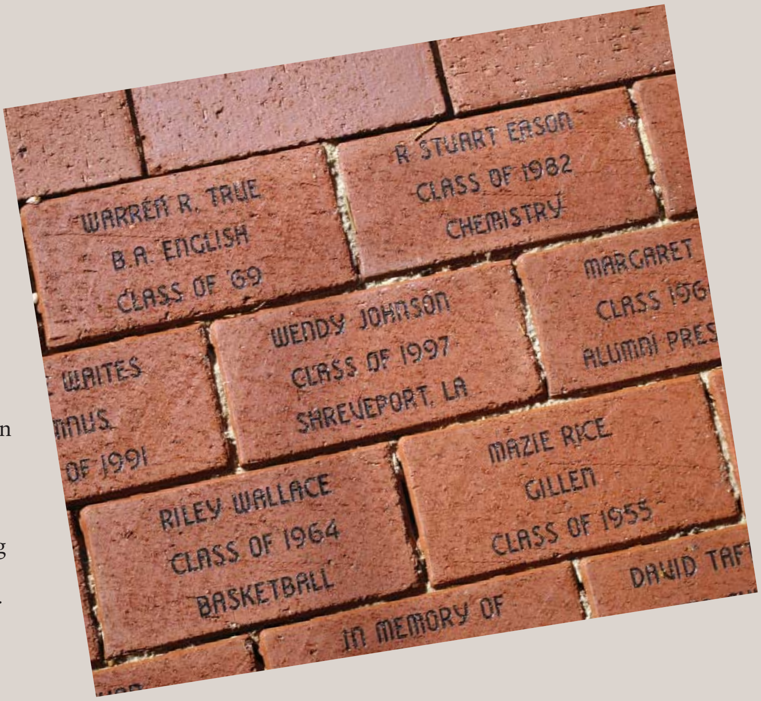
Leadership Fountain and Engraved Brick Patio Dedicated

Members of the community and the campus gathered around Riggs' Memorial Plaza for the official dedication of the new Leadership Fountain and Engraved Brick Patio Feb. 12. Initiated by the Frost School of Business Leadership classes in 2001 and 2003, the project was adopted by the Office of Alumni Relations as a way to incorporate it into a fundraising campaign. Helping to *Pave the Way,* hundreds of supporters purchased engraved bricks to fund the construction project and the *Campaign for Scholarships.* "Today we acknowledge the commitment of all of you gathered here today," said Dr. Ken Schwab, President of the College. "We thank you and honor you all."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1) Leadership Fountain and Engraved Brick Patio Dedication on Feb. 12, 2009. 2) ROTC alumni visit the engraved brick patio during Homecoming 2009. 3) Dr. Leonard Riggs '64 speaks at dedication of new Riggs' Memorial Plaza in October 2008. 4) Leadership Fountain and new landscaping in the Riggs' Memorial Plaza (formerly known as the "Quad").

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Centenary Announces Appointment of New President

B. DAVID ROWE

SHREVEPORT, La.—The Centenary College Board of Trustees announced today the appointment of B. David Rowe, Ph.D., as the next president of Centenary College of Louisiana.

Rowe has served for the past nine years as the Vice President for Advancement at LaGrange College in LaGrange, Ga. He will officially take office August 1 and will succeed Dr. Ken Schwab, who announced his retirement earlier this year.

"The Board of Trustees and I are excited that Dr. Rowe will be assuming leadership at Centenary College," said William Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "David brings substantial experience in institutional advancement as well as a deep passion for higher education and expanding opportunities for the College and our students. We are very fortunate to have someone with his background in college development, experience and vision to assist the College in continued success and progress."

Rowe, 44, is a Texas native and ordained United Methodist minister who has distinguished himself in higher education circles.

His reputation as a strategic thinker and visionary, a leader in matters related to sustainability—including work as an organizer of the Methodist Global Ethics Initiative—and as an accomplished fundraiser were attractive to the search committee. He has led LaGrange in its $65 million *Defining Moment* comprehensive campaign, which is on the verge of completion and featured the construction of a new 45,000 square-foot library.

"I am humbled by my selection as Centenary's next leader," Rowe said. "The institution's academic reputation, prestige among its peers and church connectedness are the envy of many."

"Now, I look forward to working with the Centenary community to imagine and write the next great chapter in the College's story."

LaGrange College President Stuart Gulley said Rowe's range of abilities led the Centenary Presidential Search Committee to its decision.

"David's background as a strategic thinker and visionary, engaging public speaker, gifted United Methodist clergyperson, accomplished fundraiser and incisive leader in matters related to sustainability proved to be very attractive to the search committee, which pursued him for this opportunity," said Gulley.

Rowe received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, his Master of Divinity from Emory University and his Ph.D. in higher education from1 Georgia State University.

Prior to assuming his current position at LaGrange College, he held administrative posts at Wesleyan College (Ga.), Oxford College of Emory University and Candler School of Theology at Emory.

He and his wife, Jodi, have two sons, Carter and Philip.

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Welcome to the New Year…

It is hard for me to believe that the 2009-2010 year is over. The past 12 months have been extraordinarily full. We mourned the sudden and unexpected death of Dean David Womack. We began implementing the decision to move from Division I to Division III athletics. We agonized over the loss of treasured colleagues due to the consolidation and elimination of staff positions, and we engaged in a process that led to the start of a major restructuring of the academic program. This led to the unpleasant—even if necessary—phasing out of certain majors and faculty positions. We garnered unsolicited, unwanted, and often unfounded local and national media attention. We also grieved the loss of stalwart trustees and long-time friends of the College.

As hard as the year was, I look back with fondness on many memories, including:

- Handing diplomas to promising graduates as they crossed the stage
- Working side by side with a record number of volunteers during The BIG Event 3
- Seeing smiling faces of happy students strolling from the SUB to the Café
- Watching our students and alumni respond to the tragic earthquake in Haiti
- Visiting with the many alumni and friends who gathered in places around the country at Centenary events
- Standing in the middle of the Centenary College Choir surrounded for the first time by the soul-bathing benediction: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

We also have numerous accomplishments to celebrate:

- Generous donors and hard work caused us to exceed the $5 million Annual Fund Goal!
- The student research forum and awards days showcased wonderful collaboration and mentoring relationships between faculty and students
- Efforts at conserving energy, program funds and consolidation of workloads led the College to an operational budget surplus
- The Louisiana United Methodist Annual Conference honored Centenary by deciding to hold conference here *every* year

I look forward to beginning the new academic year and to leading this beloved institution toward a key goal and its corresponding objectives.

Centenary College will bolster confidence in its ability to define church-related liberal arts education for the 21st Century by balancing the budget, restructuring the academic program and attracting and retaining engaged students.

I invite you to help us reach our goals by staying or becoming engaged in the life of the College as well. Forward Forward Centenary!

With warmest regards,

David

David Rowe
President

Centenary

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Norman Spivey

Penn State University voice professor presented *Écoute: Pieces of Reynaldo Hahn,* an original one-man show based on the life and music of French composer Reynaldo Hahn and the inspirations of his music. The show drew on Hahn's experiences and relationships—particularly those with his closest friends, the famous actress Sarah Bernhardt and the exceptional writer Marcel Proust.

Judge Robert M. Parker

The former United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit judge presented a Constitution Day lecture as a guest of the Pre-Law Society. Judge Parker joined the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in 1994 after being nominated by President Bill Clinton, a position he held until his retirement in 2002.

Stuart Diamond

Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow Stuart Diamond brought insights on a variety of topics from his broad range of professions, including the internet, creating new knowledge and business models, the impact of modern media on society, and finding integrity in art and business. He also presented the talk, "Vision Quest: How to be true to yourself, or, what shall I be when I grow up?"

Michael Sidney Fosberg

During Dream Week 2010, Fosberg brought his unique solo-show, "*Incognito*" to the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse. During the program, he told the powerful story of his journey to uncover and discover his roots, his self, his family, and the difficult questions of learning he was actually black after living a life as a white man for 32 years. *Incognito* has been performed in theaters, high schools, colleges and performing arts centers across the country, and was chosen by the *Chicago Tribune* as "one of the top theatrical events of the 2001 season."

Dr. Cynthia Freeland

Philosopher, author and chair of the philosophy department at the University of Houston, Dr. Freeland discussed the issue of the intersection of art and morality during the annual "Forum" event that tried to answer the question, "Should some art be censored?" She argued if some art is so bad, so immoral, should it be censored?

Bobby Bridger

Singer, songwriter, playwright, author and Attaway Fellow, Bridger presented his epic trilogy, "Ballad of the West," and discussed the myth of the Wild West. Bridger has been an artist-in-residence at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyo., the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Conn., the John G. Neihardt Center in Bancroft, Neb., and Yellowstone National Park. He also starred in Dale Wasserman's groundbreaking musical, *Shakespeare and The Indians*, and was featured with David Carradine and Will Sampon in the drama *Black Elk Speaks.* Bridger was also the subject of the documentary film *Quest Of An Epic Balladeer.*

Stanley Plumly

Poet Stanley Plumly received the 20th Annual Corrington Award for Literary Excellence. Professor of English at the University of Maryland, Dr. Plumly has been the recipient of the Delmore Schwartz Memorial Award, the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowships, three National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, the Ingram-Merrill Foundation Award, six Pushcart Prizes, and nominated for the National Book Critics Circle Award and The William Carlos Williams Award. He received the award for his most recent book *Posthumous Keats: A Personal Biography of the English poet John Keats.*

David A. Schroeder

Professor of psychology at the University of Arkansas, Dr. Schroeder spoke about social dilemmas, sustainability, justice and the challenges of the 21st Century that were not solved in the prior century. To solve the problems confronting the world today, he explained that you must first understand them, then understand the psychological underpinnings and the social dilemmas in finding effective solutions.

news, awards, and honors

Dr. Katherine Fell named President for Findlay

Vice President for Advancement Dr. Katherine Fell accepted the nomination as President of the University of Findlay and officially began her tenure July 1. The University of Findlay is located in northwest Ohio with an enrollment of 4,100 students.

Dr. Fell served for nearly 25 years at Centenary, first as associate professor of English, and later as its chief development officer, a position she held since 2000.

Neuroscience majors visit Chicago

Several Centenary students had the opportunity to visit the "windy city" and take part in a premier venue for neuroscientists. They attended the Society for Neuroscience's 39th Annual meeting, in Chicago. The event drew more than 30,000 neuroscientists from around the globe and was specifically devoted to neuroscience and neurological research. John Cefalu, Mark Moehle '10 and Marco Rajo '10 presented their research at the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) poster session. The three student's presentations were among the 14,700 posters and 1,700 talks given during the four-day event.

Centenary community *Puts Students First* through support of the ANDERSON-CRAWFORD SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

At a time when most colleges and universities have seen a downturn in support from their constituents, Centenary saw the successful completion of the Anderson-Crawford Scholarship Challenge prior to the end of last fiscal year on June 30.

Two of Centenary's long-time leaders, Trustees Bill Anderson '70 and Ed Crawford joined forces to establish *Putting Students First: The Anderson-Crawford Scholarship Challenge,* which matched all donations to the Centenary Fund for Student Scholarships 2:1 up to $1 million. Alumni and friends rallied throughout the spring semester to meet this challenge, donating more than $2 million, securing the challenge gift; and $3 million for student scholarships.

With more than 95 percent of Centenary students receiving some type of financial aid, donations to the College's scholarship fund are crucial in providing the resources necessary to offer the Centenary experience to all qualified students.

Overall, the Centenary Fund had one of its best years on record, raising well over $5.5 million in support of scholarships, student programs and campus improvements.

"I am extraordinarily pleased at the outpouring of support by all who love Centenary and know of its importance to the Shreveport-Bossier community," said Centenary Fund Board Chair Lennis Elston '66. "I am especially grateful to Bill and Ed for their tremendous generosity and vision in promoting and supporting this Challenge to *Put Students First.*"

"The wonderful momentum provided by Bill and Ed's gifts certainly set the stage for a great opportunity to raise funds for scholarships," said interim Vice President for Advancement Fred Landry. "Our graduates and supporters responded in an overwhelmingly positive way. Even though significant changes happened over the course of the year, our alumni and friends were very generous in supporting the Scholarship Challenge and the College."

Many thanks to Bill Anderson and Ed Crawford for their extraordinary gifts in support of student scholarships and to the many supporters of Centenary who helped the College realize its goal in Putting Students First.

Women's Endowment Quorum celebrates 25th Anniversary

Twelve founders of the Women's Endowment Quorum were honored at the fall business luncheon.

The Centenary Women's Endowment Quorum celebrated its Silver Anniversary during the 2009-10 academic year, meeting goals set to secure the organization for the next 25 years. A new junior membership was established that expands the opportunity for our young alumnae and members of the community to participate. Twenty-five ladies accepted the invitation from President Rowe to join the group. A new endowment for student scholarships was established with a funding goal of $25,000 while approximately $100,000 was granted to the students, faculty and staff of Centenary. The Ginkgo leaf was adopted as a symbol of the Quorum and a sterling ginkgo pin is worn by its members. Activities included a silver service tea at the DeGolyer mansion before a tour of the gardens at the Dallas Arboretum. For more information on the Women's Endowment Quorum, contact Nita Cook, director of annual giving, at 318.869.5599 or ncook@centenary.edu.

Centenary lands alumni on 40 Under 40 List…again

For the third time in as many years, Centenary alumni topped the list when the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce honored young professionals as members of the 2009 Class of "40 Under 40," with six alumni joining this elite group. Among the 40 young professionals honored in December 2009, two of the six are currently employed at the College and include Dr. Tom Tallach '93, Director of Athletics, and Chris Lavan '06, Director of Community and Intercultural Engagement. Other Centenary alumni receiving the "40 Under 40" award included Patrick Harrison MBA '06, president and owner of Sound Fighter Systems LLC; Richard "Chip" Corbett MBA '03, a lieutenant with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office; Sara Hebert '06, a digital media consultant with Williams Creative Group; and Taylor Robertson '07, an auditor at Heard, McElroy & Vestal.

BIG Event 3 descends upon the Highlands

For a third straight year, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the College took to the streets in the Highland community and helped their neighbors spruce up their homes during the BIG Event 3. Teams completed such tasks as scraping and repainting shutters, raking, weeding, yard work, picking up trash and cleaning sidewalks. This year, more than 30 residents of the Highlands area watched as their homes or yards were transformed by the Centenary volunteers.

2010 Student Director Jennifer Pate '10 believes the BIG Event is important not only to Centenary, but to the community that surrounds the College. "Our community is close-knit, caring and loyal," said Pate. "We have been taught to unselfishly look beyond ourselves and to reach out to the world. This becomes evident as soon as one steps onto campus and takes a look at our curriculum, our passions and our diversity. The Highlands have supported Centenary from the start, and therefore we must continue to give back. We want to build lasting connections with our neighbors and aid in the restoration of a vital neighborhood."

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Centenary Freshman awarded 25,000th scholarship

Jamie Dyche of Bossier City received Chick-fil-A's 25,000th Leadership Scholarship and a check for $1,000 by the CEO and founder S. Truett Cathy. Cathy, along with Centenary President Dr. David Rowe, was joined by Bossier City Major Lorenz "Lo" Walker who proclaimed the day as "Chick-fil-A 25,000th Leadership Scholarship Jamie Dyche Day." Joining the Mayor were Dyche's former principal at Parkway High School, Joe Huffman, restaurant operator John Roden, family and co-workers. A 2009 graduate of Parkway High School with a 3.86 GPA, Dyche was in the top 10 percent of her class and, among other awards and honors, was inducted into the National Beta Club and National Honor Society. Along with the Chick-fil-A Scholarship, she received the Centenary College Trustee's Scholarship and a Centenary Academic Award. She plans to pursue a major in education and a minor in music with a plan to earn her master's degree and become an elementary school teacher. Following the award ceremony, Cathy spoke to the campus community during the annual President's Convocation.

Centenary Camerata takes center stage at Yale University

They have performed to rave reviews at Carnegie Hall in New York, at the southern division of the Music Educators National Conference, the Louisiana Music Education Association Conference and to audiences on the campus of Centenary College. Now the Centenary Camerata can add performing at the National Collegiate Choral Organization conference at Yale University to their resume. The choral ensemble performed in early November at the university, and was selected from one of the largest application pools in the history of the conference, and was one of only nine choirs nationally invited to perform at the prestigious event. The Centenary Camerata was also the only choral group from the south and the only mixed choir from a small liberal arts college to perform. "It was very unusual to have such a small college like Centenary performing on a national venue," said Dr. Julia Thorn, conductor of the Camerata. The ensemble performed alongside choral groups such as the University of Maryland Chamber Singers, Colorado State University Chamber Choir, University of Missouri Singers and the Cal State Long Beach Chamber Choir. "We were very excited to have the opportunity to demonstrate that we might be a small school from the south, but that we have an outstanding choral program."

Freshman travels to Taiwan to present research, competes at international science fair

Freshman Kendall Hughes of Shreveport traveled to the Republic of China in January to compete in the 2010 Taiwan International Science Fair where she not only presented her research on skin cancer, but also spoke on the science curriculum in high schools in the United States. Her journey to Taiwan began when she was attending Caddo Magnet High School, where she captured first place in the 2009 regional science fair, and later, took top honors at the Intel® International Science and Engineering Fair in the biochemistry division for her research on *Mechanisms of Tumor Cell Invasion: The Role of Stat3 in Squamous Cell Carcinoma.* While in Taiwan, she competed against students from countries around the world, including Canada, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Mexico, South Africa, Japan and the United States. Kendall again captured first place in the biochemistry division, receiving a monetary award and the opportunity to meet the president of Taiwan, Ma Ying-jeou.

Residence Life captures awards at regional conference

Residence Life received two awards this year at the Louisiana Association of Housing Officers Conference, capturing the top spots for the Louisiana Female RA of the Year and the Always Hallways Award for Support of Residence Life. The awards recognized residence life programs and individuals at colleges and universities across the state during the regional Equipping Resident Assistants conference in Dry Creek, La.

Kristin DiGioia, an art history major from Fairview, Texas, was selected as the top female Resident Assistant in the state, an award given to an RA who has served in that position for one academic year and has maintained a 2.5 GPA or better. They must have also excelled in at least one if not more of the areas of academic achievement, community building, programming, leadership development and staff development.

The Always Hallways Award for Support of Residence Life was awarded posthumously to Dean David Womack, an award that recognizes an individual outside of housing/residence life who demonstrates exceptional support of the mission of housing and residence life.

Science students receive scholarship, fellowship

Two students with a goal of becoming doctors moved one step closer to realizing their goal this year when one received a premier undergraduate award, while the other received a graduate school fellowship.

Dallas James Krentzel, a junior biology major from Bossier City, La., was one of 278 students from across the country and one of three students in Louisiana to receive the Goldwater Scholarship. The scholarship is the premier award of its type in the fields of science, mathematics and engineering, and covers the cost of tuition, fees, books and room and board up to a maximum of $7,500.

Neuroscience major Mark Moehle ’10 from Baton Rouge, La., received the UAB Howard Hughes Medical Institute Med-Grad Fellowship, a highly competitive and revolutionary Ph.D. program which combines translational research and drug discovery, and provides graduate students in training with career development opportunities. He will be one of eight students who will start the program at the University of Alabama-Birmingham in the fall.

Tent City pops up on campus to raise awareness, money for Haitian relief

On Jan. 12, 2010, an earthquake with a 7.0 magnitude struck Haiti’s most populated city of Port-au-Prince, killing hundreds of thousands and leaving nearly three million people homeless, including many orphans. Britney Winn ’09 was in Haiti serving at an orphanage when the earthquake hit. After being evacuated the next weekend and sleeping 12 hours in the shelter and later the comfort of her own home, Winn woke with the plight of Haiti’s orphans weighing heavily upon her. Determined to do something more for them, Winn decided to establish a tent city. If Haiti’s children had to sleep on the ground, so would she. Eight days after the quake, Winn and others, mostly college students, alumni and young adults from the Shreveport area, set up Cité Lespwa (Creole for “City of Hope”) in front of the Gold Dome. Their goal was to raise awareness and $1 million for Haiti’s orphans. Although they fell short of their financial goal, they raised important awareness for the plight of the Haitian people. Today Winn is the national coordinator for tent cities popping up across the country, all with the goal of helping those still in need in Haiti.

Professor receives Outstanding Educator Award

Dr. Barbara Davis, professor of accounting and finance, was honored for her work in education and was the recipient of the 2010 Federation of Business Disciplines Outstanding Educator Award. Dr. Davis, the Samuel Guy Sample Chair in Business Administration, received the award during the Southwest Finance Association's annual meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. David Havird publishes award-winning chapbook

Dr. David Havird, professor of English, recently published a poetry chapbook entitled *Penelope's Design: Fourteen Poems* (Texas Review Press). Winner of the 2009 Robert Phillips Poetry Chapbook Prize, *Penelope's Design* is Havird's first published book of poetry. For many years, he has been published in major journals such as *Agni, The New Yorker, Poetry, The Sewanee Review, Shenandoah, Southwest Review, The Yale Review, The Texas Review* and online at *Poetry Daily*.

According to Havird, "though most of the 14 poems are very recent, the selection spans my years at Centenary. The unifying theme is 'the journey,' and it will interest the Centenary community to know that at least two of the poems come straight from experiences on a May module to England while two others take place on the Jack London Ranch in Sonoma Valley, whose proprietor, Milo Shepard, holds an honorary doctorate from the College."

Fellow poet and Centenary's 1999-2000 Corrington Award Winner, Eleanor Wilner (author of *Reversing the Spell* and *The Girl with Bees in Her Hair*) notes, "the memories of 'a dream-disheveled child' in the Deep South unfold into the meditative travels of the literary man in these elegant, assured poems, riddled with starlight, richly enlivened with deep-dyed images of nature and art, and a meticulous ear for echoes both allusive and actual, in a language as sensual as it is referential."

Penelope's Design can be purchased at amazon.com.

Health & Exercise Science Professor garners two awards

Shelley Armstrong '00/'03, Ph.D., was honored in early November by the Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance when she received the Taylor Dodson Young Professional Award at their annual convention. The award is given to a professional under the age of 40 who works in the areas of health, physical education, recreation and dance; and has made significant contributions in research, professional organizations, professional literature and outstanding community service.

Dr. Armstrong is currently assistant professor and acting chair of Centenary College's Department of Health and Exercise Science. Dr. Armstrong was again recognized three months later, this time receiving the district award from within a 13-state district from the Southern District of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

College named to President's Honor Roll

For a fourth year in a row, Centenary College was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement. The Corporation for National and Community Service honored six colleges and universities with Presidential Awards. Additionally, 115 were named as Honor Roll with Distinction members and 621 schools as Honor Roll members, including Centenary College.

The Service Learning Program at Centenary College serves as one of many ways in which Centenary students are given the opportunity to make their own positive difference within the local community. "Here at Centenary, service to the local community is both a central part of the college's mission and its academic curriculum," said Chris Lavan, Director of Community and Intercultural Engagement. "Our students truly have the opportunity to not only serve, but to create and lead projects that both change their lives and the lives of others in remarkable ways."

CLC names new director

Rev. Valerie Robideaux '03 has been named the Director of the Christian Leadership Center at Centenary College. She replaces Rev. Betsy Eaves '78 who has taken a new position at the College as the Vice President for Student Development.

A Louisiana native, Rev. Robideaux is a 2003 graduate of Centenary College where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies with an emphasis in Christian education. She later received her Master of Divinity in Religious Education from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 2008, and served at Northside United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga., as a Women's Discipleship Associate from 2005-2008.

Rev. Robideaux returned to her *alma mater* in 2008 as the Theological Studies Coordinator of the Christian Leadership Center. Serving the Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church as a deacon, Rev. Robideaux expects ordination at 2011's Annual Conference.

She is married to the Rev. Joseph Robideaux '04 , Associate Pastor of Contemporary Worship at Christ United Methodist Church in Shreveport. They have two daughters, Aubrey and Judah.

Professor named to the French Diplomatic Corps

The French Consul General in New Orleans named Centenary College French professor Dr. Dana Kress to the French diplomatic corps as an honorary Consul. As Honorary Consul, Dr. Kress will perform consular work, act as a link between French and local institutions and businesses, and act as a representative of the French Embassy at events and public functions.

He also added another honor to his recognition as one of the country's premier experts in French Creole and the history of Louisiana, when he took part in the Slave Narratives at Yale University. He was one of only 28 faculty members from across the country selected to speak at the seminar for other college and university faculty members in history, English and related fields.

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> “We are hurting; we have faced extraordinary challenges and have had to make some extraordinary decisions. The depth of the pain that many of us feel is proportional to the love that all of us hold for this great institution. It is one of those terrible trade-offs in life; the more you love someone or something, the deeper the pain hurts.”

The words came April 8th during Dr. Rowe’s inauguration speech when he was ceremoniously installed as the College’s 30th president. The inauguration, held in Centenary’s Gold Dome, was attended by delegates from other colleges and universities across the country, as well as local dignitaries, faculty, staff, alumni and students to welcome him as the new president.

Although Dr. Rowe officially started his position as president in August of last year, this was his first opportunity to speak to the community about the challenges that lie ahead.

“This has been an unusual time not only in the history of the College, but also for higher education,” he said, “but not one with which we are unaccustomed or ill-equipped to handle.” Since stepping on campus almost one year ago, Dr. Rowe has had to deal with unprecedented issues, including a tough economy, restructuring of the curriculum and athletics program, and the death of a beloved Dean of Students.

He discussed how different the times will be, but encouraged taking comfort in the peace available from one another. The theme of family and uncertainty came up several times during his address, as well as preparing students to participate in the transformation of the world, and benefit from the expertise on campus ready and willing to help them succeed.

“We are a family, whether you are representing institutions from far away or if you have been here for 30 years,” he told those gathered. “I cannot offer you certainty, but what I can do is invite you to claim, accept and share peace with one another. Peace is not certainty. Peace is that deep and abiding comfort of knowing that we are not alone.”

He then turned to the symbol of his office, the Presidential Medallion placed around his neck by former Board of Trustee Chairman, William Anderson. Holding it high above his head so that all could see it, he read the words inscribed: “Work conquers all.”

Passing the medallion around the audience, he reminded them that it does not represent the work of a single person, but that of a family, a community.

“I would like to pass this around and ask you all to feel it, hold it and think about the work that you do here on campus,” he said. “Think about how we, through our labor and through our endeavors, can show the peace that we need in order to gain the stability, the footing and the traction that we as a family need right now.”

“As a family in these uncertain times, we have rallied around each other during challenging times,” he continued, “and a sense of peace comes from what the members of the College community offer one another. Centenary College nurtures life-giving relationships and everything we do right now, and from here on out, should hold those values in our hearts. The sense of peace comes from the enduring purpose of Centenary College…to transform lives for the transformation of the world.”

“We have a great privilege here of transforming their [the students] lives for the transformation of the world. Centenary circles around people in need…and we are all people in need. Centenary encircles this world with wise, caring and moral leaders. We have the resources to continue and to help them adapt to the ever-changing complexities of this world. We have done it since 1825 and we will continue to do it.”

He pointed out several faculty members and their innovative contributions to the College and the classroom, and how such creativity and visionary thinking could be the key to the next steps the College needs to take.

“When we get curious and start to investigate what it is that we need to do, we don’t have to investigate very far…the resources are in this very room,” he said. “We are a family finding our way; a way to the future. The future is that Centenary College *will* define church-related liberal arts education for the 21st Century.”

Saying that the 21st Century is posing challenges for future leaders, Dr. Rowe pointed out that we live in a world of expanding circles of relationships and responsibility, that we live in a world of finite resources, and in a world where there is the need to prepare students for ethical and spiritual adaptation to engage people with civility, care and a sense of mutual transformation. “Simply put,” he said, “it is about peace, poverty and planet Earth.”

“When you think about what it means to make the world more peaceful, you don’t have to go very far in the study of human social relationships. When you think about addressing poverty, you are talking about human suffering and the human conditions. When you are talking about planet Earth, you’re talking about the natural environment and the ways humans interact with nature and the laws of nature."

Turns out, Dr. Rowe said, that we have academic divisions here at the College that deal with and are equipped to face the future challenges. "Peace, poverty and planet Earth are in good hands at Centenary College."

He then went on to explain what "church-related liberal arts for the 21st Century" means to him, and how Centenary is poised to meet the challenges head on.

"Faith has inspired deep, vigorous investigation and inquiry," he explained. "We are part of a global denomination called the United Methodist Church and we need to take advantage of those global connections. And finally, church-related higher education means that values have a place in all our conversations, both curricular and co-curricular. Our students will leave here to lead not only with the wisdom as they will understand the response to complex challenges, but with the compassion that we show when we encircle one another with care and with love. They will always put the needs of the least first."

Drawing to a close, Dr. Rowe asked for the Presidential medallion to be passed back to him. "It's time," he said, "for us to claim peace and time to begin to reconcile with one another. What will make it possible is the deep and abiding love for Centenary College."

Holding the medallion for all to see before placing it back around his neck, he concluded with three short but powerful statements. "We are a family finding our way together…to the future. Your fingerprints are all over this medallion. Let's wear it together." ❧

President Emeritus Kenneth L. Schwab H'08 presents Dr. Rowe with the Presidential Mace.

(L-R) Close friends Dr. F. Stuart Gulley, President of Woodward Academy, President Rowe and Dr. Jake B. Schrum, President of Southwestern University.

(L-R) Centenary's 30th President Dr. David Rowe, 28th President Dr. Donald A. Webb, 29th President Dr. Kenneth L. Schwab, and 27th President Dr. John H. Allen.

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Led by Director David Hobson '98 the Centenary College Choir encircles the Rowe family, platform party, family, friends, faculty, staff and alumni while performing the musical benediction, *The Lord Bless You and Keep You.*

For more on the Presidential Inauguration, including photos, video and audio, visit www.centenary.edu/president.

Q&A with the President

Can you give us an idea of who David Rowe is? Where you grew up, education, career, hobbies, etc.

I grew up in Richardson, Texas and went to school at a small, Methodist liberal arts college similar to Centenary (Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas) and worked for a year as a youth director in Houston, Texas before I went on to seminary at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. I met my wife, Jodi, in Atlanta and we have two boys: Carter, who is 9 years old; and Philip, who just turned 7 years old. It has been a real joy to watch them grow up.

One of my big hobbies is sailing. As my friend Stuart Gulley said in my introduction at the inauguration, I'm a frustrated sailor. I don't have enough time to really get good at it, but I really enjoy it.

While growing up near Dallas, had you heard of Centenary College?

I actually heard of Centenary for the first time when I worked at a Methodist church in Houston. A number of Centenary alumni and students were connected with the church, and I had a friend in seminary who was a Centenary graduate. I had been watching Centenary during the course of my career in higher education because I believed it was a real rising star in the United Methodist higher education system, and it embodied the very best traditions of the liberal arts colleges. In fact Jodi reminded me that about five or six years ago I mentioned to her that Centenary would be the type of school I would like to pursue.

You have quite a diverse background educationally—an undergraduate degree in chemistry, a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University, a Certificate in Ecumenical Studies from the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva, and a Ph.D. from Georgia State University. Was there a specific instance that led you on this career path?

I can look at different elements of my life that led me to where I am today. I was a chemistry major and thinking of going into medicine and always had the desire to do something that helped people. I say jokingly that there is nothing that will help you hear a calling to ministry more clearly than physical chemistry. By the time I got to the more advanced levels of my chemistry degree I was also working in the church as a youth director, and I had this contrast to look at: whether I was going to be a scientist or be in more of a relational field. [At that time] I felt the beginnings of what I now believe to be a call to ministry.

Because I was attending a school much like Centenary, my chemistry advisor was someone who took a deep personal interest in me and who I was, and I was able to share with him the struggle I was feeling. He was able to validate that struggle and help me explore the dimensions of it.

I have to say that the roots of my interest in higher education leadership were planted in my undergraduate experience because I was very involved in student government and some of the administrative functions of the school in groups similar to our Maroon Jackets and Student Ambassadors. I was also able to see up-close what Roy Shilling was doing at Southwestern to chart a course for that institution, so I had a very clear understanding of what a college president does and how a college president can lead an institution like Centenary.

While I was at Emory, the Southwestern experience came back to me again because the person who was then the vice president for development at Southwestern, Jake Schrum, had moved on to become the Vice President of Advancement at Emory. I reintroduced myself to him and he offered me an internship in the advancement division. By the time I was getting ready to graduate from seminary, I was again at a crossroads trying to figure out if I wanted to be a pastor of a local church or do something else. At that point Stuart Gulley was my boss, and he was a Methodist minister. Jake Schrum was a Methodist minister. The president of Emory at the time was Jim Laney, and he was a Methodist minister. I had this great set of role models right before me who were living out a vocation in church-related higher education. So, that was what caused me to explore this path, and it was a natural fit.

David and Jodi Rowe with sons Philip (L) and Carter (R)

What first attracted you to the position of President at Centenary College?

Over the course of the last several years my closest mentors encouraged me to consider the college presidency. There are programs nationally, both through the United Methodist Church and through the Council for Independent Colleges that help people discern whether or not the presidency is a vocational fit. I was privileged to go through some of those programs with Jodi to ask that question. I was also privileged to have a good friend and mentor in Stuart Gulley, and I was able to see what the presidency was for him. At some point, I was trying to identify the types of schools that I felt would be a good fit for me, and early on in the process Centenary seemed like the kind of institution at which I would do well; one that would embrace my background and benefit from the gifts that I believe I have to offer. That was something that kind of got tucked away because Centenary didn't have a position open. When Centenary announced the search, Stuart and others nominated me for the position because they also believed this would be a good fit for me.

What was your first impression of the College when you visited the campus?

Aesthetically, the campus was lush—very green. The gardens really stood out; it was a gem tucked inside a little urban park. The people I met were very warm and

Throwing Mardi Gras beads at the 2010 Homecoming parade

Speaking at the annual Christian Leadership Center fundraiser

Volunteering at the BIG Event 3

welcoming and real—very down-to-earth. Everyone was able to shoot straight with me from the very beginning. I think the general feeling I came away with was that the people were authentic individuals and were deeply in love with the institution. They wanted only the best for her, and cared for one another deeply.

How are you and your family adjusting to life in Shreveport?

It has been great. The cities of Shreveport and Bossier City are more than 10 times the size of the city we just left, so the amenities and the opportunities to do things here are tremendous. We are still looking for a house, and it will be a great day when we settle into our own place. Right now we are living in a College-owned house right across campus which has been its own joy because we can just get up from the dinner table and decide we want to go over and watch a play or see a baseball game. The kids seem to feel they have free reign on campus, probably more than they should. We've taught them how to use the emergency call boxes around campus, and the Department of Public Safety officers here have been particularly good at keeping their eyes open for the boys. The boys have also really enjoyed getting to know the students, and the students have enjoyed getting to know the boys.

Since you've been here, have you tried some of Louisiana's unique cuisine? If so, what has been your favorite?

I have always loved Louisiana food. Being able to get gumbo as often as I want is great. To have gumbo and crawfish as a staple at College events has been a lot of fun. I think it adds a real festive element. I think crawfish etouffee is my favorite, though, if I had to pick one.

The College has been through a tough year. It appears that we are coming out of it now and making a lot of positive strides. Where do you see the College going and what does the future look like?

We have had to make some tough decisions that have had very difficult consequences for the community and people within the community. I hope what has happened now is that we have set the stage for a broader conversation about how we can develop a shared vision for where we can go. We've created a new foundation for a new vision for the institution. The College leadership and I have put together some opportunities for the broader community to engage in a conversation about what makes Centenary special, what it is about Centenary that we want more of and how we want to accentuate and exaggerate those strengths into the future while at the same time keeping an eye open to what the world needs most from an institution like Centenary.

I think if I were to describe it in general terms, I would say that I want us to become very comfortable and confident that who we are and what we offer is *exactly* what the world needs right now. The creativity and curiosity that the arts and sciences curriculum can help shape in a student are the types of capacities that will prepare them well to be leaders who can ask the new, cutting-edge questions and come up with solutions that will meet needs that we can't even anticipate now. I think a deeper emphasis on our arts and sciences undergraduate preparation that we've been so good at since 1825 just needs to be rearticulated with some vigor and self-confidence that *this* is exactly what the world needs.

I also see us exploring ways to internationalize the experience that students have here. While there is a lot that we can bring to their doorstep here on campus, we need to help our students get to the doorsteps of other cultures, other languages, other sets of social circumstances and needs in the world so they can understand the rich diversity of challenges and opportunities the world has to offer. I can see us moving a little more deliberately into the role of helping to internationalize the educational experience going forward.

I also want to celebrate the strong history that Centenary has in professional preparation in some of our graduate programs—the eMBA and MAT—and use those for models on how we can

Greeting Chic-fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy

Dancing at Inaugural Celebration Fais-dodo

complement an undergraduate arts and sciences education that will not only teach them to be strong leaders generally, but give them the tools and languages they need to succeed in a particular profession.

So you believe that a liberal arts college is still viable in today's world?

I think now more than ever. But I think it is incumbent on us to explain to the world why it's important now more than ever. The trends and economic pressure on institutions of higher education have been to specialize students at a very young age into a particular career path, but we see people changing careers frequently by choice or because of the economy. In my opinion, the versatility and the capacities that are awakened through the arts and sciences curriculum, particularly in a small residential campus where you have these mentoring relationships with faculty and staff and where you build life-long friendships with other students, are the things that are more valuable than a particular skill set that will serve you well in a particular profession. We need globally-engaged leaders who can work from their vantage points to understand, interpret and solve increasingly complex problems.

You have used the phrase…"defining church-related liberal arts education for the 21st Century." Can you explain that vision and what it means?

I think the word that people tend to gloss over quickly, and that I would place most emphasis on, is the word *define*. I've been calling upon the Centenary community to define church-related liberal arts education for the 21st Century, and I sincerely mean that Centenary is in a position to create a new model that is not out there right now. There are lots of schools affiliated with church traditions and who embrace the liberal arts, but I think the models they are living in are, at best, 20th Century models. I think we have an opportunity to be the authors of what it means to be a church-related liberal arts college in the 21st Century. So it is a sincere call to our community to define together what this institution can be and do in the new global environment. I believe Centenary is uniquely poised to break the norms of the past and create a new model. The other parts in my view are just intrinsic characteristics of the institution—we are church-related and we are a liberal arts college.

Can the two co-exist?

Absolutely! I think those two must co-exist because I think the arts and sciences really can develop the cognitive capacities that we want to see our students develop over time. The church relatedness gives us the opportunity to develop the moral capacities in our students as well. So when I say church-related liberal arts college, what I would ask people to do is to consider the value of the traditional arts and sciences disciplines, what they offer the world and what they offer our students and our graduates right now, and consider the fact that as a church-related institution we have the opportunity, and maybe even the obligation, to bring questions of the normative into the conversation.

We don't simply teach students *how* to do things but help them ask whether we *should* do those things, what the consequences are of doing those things, and what the ethical implications are of doing those things. So it would be misinterpreting or misreading my intentions for people to think that I have a specific set of values and morals that I believe all students or members of the community should embrace.

A more accurate interpretation of what I am asking people to consider is that values and morals, purposeful living, and meaningful lives are important characteristics that we have the opportunity to develop in our students. We want our students to leave here with a sense of their own moral compasses and how their values are developing, in addition to developing the cognitive capacities and content knowledge they will need to succeed in the world.

Centenary prides itself on having a low student-to-faculty ratio with small class sizes. What do you think the ideal student population is and how long do you foresee it taking to get there?

I don't think there is an ideal student

Playing "Rock Band" with students

Being "abducted" by the "Lord's Resistance Army"

population. You reach different points of critical mass when you can do more things such as field more teams, have more clubs or build a new residence hall. There are thresholds you can reach that allow you to do that. I think the most important thing is that whatever we do we need to build in the infrastructure that keeps the scale such that the students do have significant, frequent and meaningful interactions with faculty, staff, and other students in small groups.

I challenged the community to think about Centenary's student body being at between 800 and 900 students this fall. We have the infrastructure for that size, but I could easily see us moving toward 1,000 students which would be a good time to begin to think about one of those critical mass tipping points where you start adding more programs and opportunities for students. The next one would be somewhere around 1,200. You would then see, instead of incremental change, bigger steps of transition.

What are some of the ways alumni can stay actively engaged with Centenary and participate in the life of the College?

When students come into a relationship with Centenary it is the beginning of what can be a life-long relationship with the institution. I think this could manifest itself in our educational mission. We hope that we instill in our students a passion for life-long learning—we should be the wind in the sails of not only our students, but also our alumni. They're facing the same complex and ever-changing world we anticipate our students will face when they graduate; why can't we be a constant educational resource for the cognitive and moral development of our alumni? We should use technology to allow people to draw on the resources we have.

Time for some easy questions: what is on your summer reading list?

Right now I am reading a book called *Home Game: An Accidental Guide to Fatherhood* by Michael Lewis. It is about the author's humorous adventures and misadventures of becoming a father to two daughters and a son. I decided that I needed some humor in my life, and I wanted to read something light and funny.

What is on your iPod® right now?

Well there are a bunch of things on my iPod. I have been listening to a guy named James White. He goes by the nickname of "Sunny Jim." He performs a lot of beach and sailing songs and Jimmy Buffet cover tunes. One of his own songs is called *Splendid Adventurer.* One of the lines is "A happy heart makes a happy boat. Living is a gift, you see. The rest is a splendid adventure. Why don't you come along with me? Sail on splendid adventurer." I think it is very apropos to what is going on here at the College. As long as we keep our hearts tuned to the institution and to one another, understand what we've been given is a great gift and that we are stewards of that great gift, we can derive a sense of true joy and true happiness knowing that what we do makes a tremendous difference in the world.

Your family is out of town right now. If we were to look in your refrigerator, what would we find?

Bluebell chocolate mint ice cream pops. That is the one thing I bought that normally wouldn't be there when the whole family is home. So it is a little bit of a guilty pleasure.

Anything else you would like to add?

It has been a real joy being at Centenary and while it has not always been joyful, it has been a joy in the deep sense of the word. People here have welcomed me and supported me; they haven't always agreed with what we have had to do, but I think they sense in me a desire to preserve the very best of what Centenary has to offer and to make sure that every step we take is in the long-term best interest of the institution. That type of deep and profound support for the College, the students and the generations of students to come is what is truly meaningful and fulfilling about being here right now. ❧

CENTENARY *welcomes* NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Dave Voskuil, Michael Hemphill, Mark Miller and Reverend Warren Clifton join Centenary's staff; Rev. Betsy Eaves accepts new position

DAVE VOSKUIL joined the staff in February as the new Vice President for Enrollment Services. He came to Centenary with more than 20 years of serving in this role at four other United Methodist institutions, most recently at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas.

In his new cabinet-level position at Centenary, Voskuil provides leadership and develop strategies on all matters related to student enrollment and retention through research and assessment and collaboration with various campus entities. He also supervises the areas of admissions, athletics and financial aid.

Voskuil started his career in higher education more than 30 years ago as an admission recruiter at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis., after graduating from the school with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He has since held positions as admission counselor, director/dean of admissions and student services, associate vice president of admission and financial aid, and vice president for enrollment management.

MICHAEL HEMPHILL, PH.D., joined the staff in July as Provost and Dean of the College. He comes to Centenary from the Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock, Ark. where he was the associate dean for academic affairs and professor of communication.

Prior to joining the Clinton School, Dr. Hemphill spent 24 years on the faculty of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he served as chair of the Department of Speech Communication and, for a period, as dean of the College of Professional Studies.

Hemphill earned his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Iowa, and his B.A. degree at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

MARK MILLER, former director of executive MBA programs at Duke University, was named Centenary's new Dean of Students and began his duties in May.

Miller is no stranger to the College, having served as director of residence life from 1998 to 2004. As dean of students, Miller is responsible for student life programs including residence life and student involvement, and oversees more than 50 student organizations.

Miller earned his M.A. in student development from Appalachian State University and is currently a doctoral candidate at North Carolina State University where he is completing his Ed.D. in higher education administration.

REV. WARREN CLIFTON '91 joined the staff June 1 as Director of Church Relations and is excited about the opportunity to return to his *alma mater* as a member of the advancement team. He previously served as the Director of Youth Ministries at St. Luke's United Methodist Church and Associate Pastor of Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, both in Shreveport.

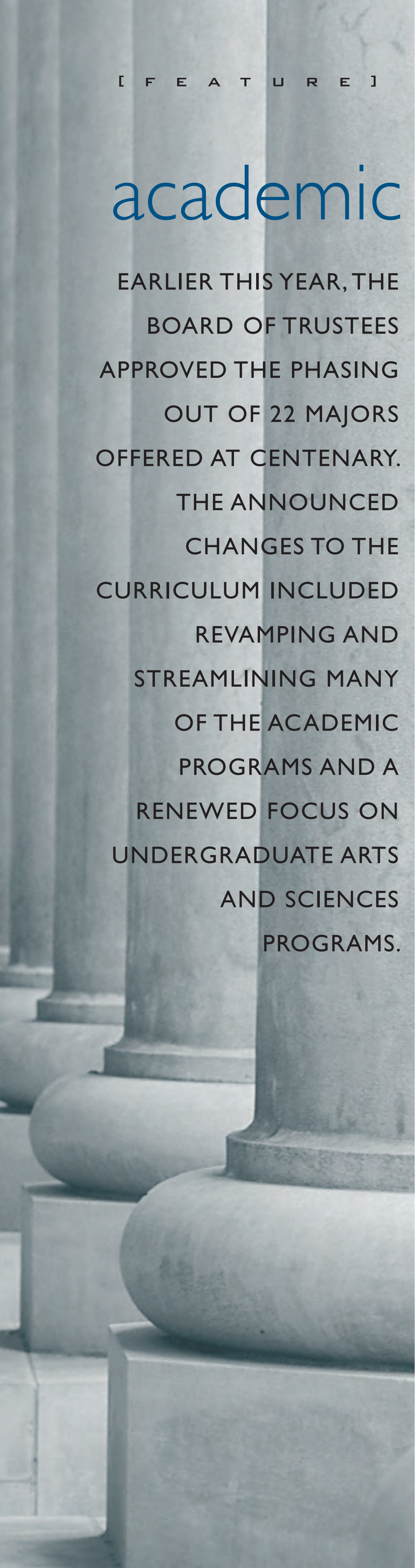
Rev. Clifton graduated from Centenary with a degree in business in 1991 and from The University of Texas at Arlington with an MBA in 1994. He is currently pursuing his M.Div. through Iliff School of Theology.

He is married to Annelise Christensen Clifton, whose father is Dr. Harold R. Christensen, professor of Economics at Centenary. Annelise is a 1992 graduate of Centenary and a 1995 graduate of Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Together they have three school-age children: Sawyer, Ransom and Harper.

REV. BETSY EAVES '78 is no stranger around campus. She graduated from Centenary in 1978 and returned in 2002 when she became the Chaplain and Director of the Christian Leadership Center. In April, she accepted the position of Vice President for Student Development.

In her new position, Rev. Eaves will supervise student services, religious life, and student life as well as continue to serve as the Chaplain of the College.

Rev. Eaves is a native of Tennessee. After receiving her B.A. in Christian Education from Centenary, she served as a christian educator in a number of United Methodist Churches in the Memphis and Louisiana Annual Conferences, focusing on ministries with youth, children and families. She recently completed her master of divinity through Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.



academic restructuring

EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED THE PHASING OUT OF 22 MAJORS OFFERED AT CENTENARY. THE ANNOUNCED CHANGES TO THE CURRICULUM INCLUDED REVAMPING AND STREAMLINING MANY OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND A RENEWED FOCUS ON UNDERGRADUATE ARTS AND SCIENCES PROGRAMS.

"It is painful to see any programs phased out," said David Rowe, president of the College. "But for too long the College has tried to be too much to too many people. The current state of higher education across the country has forced us to take a look inward and make these difficult choices and focus our resources. We continue to offer coursework in many of the areas of study where majors are being phased out."

According to Dr. Rowe, once the changes are made over the next three-year period, the College will be able to reposition itself with a move not only toward its strengths in the arts and sciences, but also concentrate resources and creativity in emerging interdisciplinary arts and science fields such as neuroscience, biophysics, biochemistry and communication.

"With these changes, students will be on a path of embodying Centenary's image of a globally-engaged, ethical professional who leads with the creativity of an artist and the curiosity of a scientist," Dr. Rowe said.

Even though some programs will be phased out over a three-year period, other programs are coming on-line now to cover the demand for specialized education.

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> —DR. CYNTHIA BRAME, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF THE OF BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

BIOLOGY

For years, Centenary College has traditionally offered a bachelor of science degree in biology for students planning careers in the medical field, biomedical research and other health professions. It is a very rigorous degree program that has a strong grounding not only in biology, but in all the sciences that underpin and contribute to it, such as chemistry, physics and mathematics.

Starting this fall semester, the College will offer another degree in biology…the bachelor of arts.

"As a department, we are very excited to be offering the B.A. in biology," said Dr. Cynthia Brame, associate professor of biology and Chair of the Biology Department. "This degree is going to be perfect for the student who wants to go into a career that doesn't require such an extensive background in physics and chemistry. That could include health care professions such as physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapy and those interested in environmental issues. We are excited to be able to be responsive to the needs of many of our students."

Typically, a student seeking a B.S. degree in biology can expect to take 16 hours of chemistry, eight hours of physics, eight hours of upper-level mathematics and 34 hours of biology. According to Dr. Brame, students enrolled in the B.A. program will still have a strong grounding in biology, taking 32 hours, but won't have as many supportive requirements. This means that the student will only have to take eight hours of chemistry, no physics, and the math requirements will be less stringent.

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said Dr. Brame. “Not only will they have greater flexibility to choose biology courses that meet their future needs, but courses in other areas, such as psychology and sociology, and pick classes for the direction they want to go.”

Although the degree offering is new this fall, the faculty members in the biology department have been discussing the program for more than a year. The best part of this new program according to biology professor Dr. Beth Leuck is that it allows greater flexibility for students interested in the biological sciences and the changing job market in health care.

“This is a positive adaptation to the burgeoning interest in health sciences around the country,” she said. “With the potential changes to how health care is delivered, there will be a need for more people in this career field. We see this as a program that is adapting to the reality of the job market without compromising anything we feel strongly about in the liberal arts and our own standards of preparing students.”

Frost
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DEAN OF THE FROST SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BUSINESS

Leading the way for educating business-minded students for the past 34 years, the Frost School of Business is streamlining changes to its programs.

Historically, the business school has attracted the largest percentage of students on campus, with graduates becoming successful in top-ranked graduate schools and in their chosen professions. When hearing of the changes at Centenary, many alumni and friends of the school may be wondering about the status of the business school and possibly fearing the worst.

“That’s understandable,” said Dr. Chris Martin, Dean of the Frost School of Business. “These changes are positive in the fact that the business school is streamlining the program for the current and future challenges in the business environment.”

“We emphasize to our students the importance of questioning old assumptions of success,” said Dr. Martin. “We also want them to be introspective, to anticipate the need for change, and to develop a clear vision that will address the long term challenges they face. So, our restructuring of the undergraduate business program reflects this thinking and practice.”

Specifically, changes to the business school curriculum, approved in May by the Centenary College Board of Trustees, include the streamlining of the undergraduate program and an increased emphasis on ethical obligations, corporate social responsibility and the development of leadership competencies for the global marketplace. In addition, the revised Bachelor of Science in Business Administration will enable business majors who desire a particular career pathway to obtain a concentration in accounting, management or finance.

The redesigned business administration major provides students with breadth as well as depth through each concentration, according to Dr. Martin. “Our students should become more comfortable in the international arena through new coursework in global business practice. While ethics and corporate social responsibility have always been a part of our program, they will take on new prominence in the redesigned program. It is an exciting new direction and is certainly taking place at the right time.”

According to Dr. Barbara Davis, professor of accounting and finance, “We have made certain that all required courses necessary for our business majors to sit for the CPA examination in Louisiana are a part of the accounting concentration.” Centenary is noted for its high, first-time pass rate on the CPA examination and the high placement rate of graduates with national accounting firms.

Those business majors who choose a finance concentration will gain valuable hands-on experience through the Frost School of Business Student Managed Investment Fund, currently valued at more than $100,000. The curriculum also prepares students for the changing nature of the world’s financial marketplace.

“The concentration in management will focus on leadership and behavior in organizations and on providing students with the interpersonal and organizational insights that are crucial to their success and the success of any type of business,” said Dr. Kelly Weeks, associate professor of business.

For many years, the Frost School of Business has had a long history of successfully preparing students for the next step after graduation, Dr. Martin said, whether that step is for graduate school or beginning their careers.

“The Centenary liberal arts education has provided the foundation for that success. Our graduates can persuasively communicate their ideas, think critically, and appreciate broadly. I believe that the curriculum changes that we have made in the business school will bolster our efforts to develop students who have the ability to ask the right questions, develop creative and responsible solutions, and are globally engaged business professionals.”

MUSIC

Another program at the College that has been revised is the bachelor of arts in Music curriculum. The changes streamline the general B.A. in Music degree and add choices in the form of concentrations in specific areas.

The new plan was submitted to the National Association of Schools of Music for final approval this summer. The first class of students enrolling in the degree will be this fall.

“This new redesign of the curriculum allows greater flexibility with the student’s overall academic program,” said Dr. Gale Odom, professor of music and Dean of the Hurley School of Music. “This program works for students who desire career paths in music and for those who wish to continue to study music while preparing for careers in other areas, such as pre-med or pre-law. This degree melds beautifully with Centenary’s liberal arts tradition while maintaining the high quality that the Hurley School of Music has always represented.”

Students pursuing a B.A. in Music may elect to pursue a general program in music, or follow one of four different concentrations; performance, choral music education, sacred music or composition.

“The concentrations allow us to build on our existing strengths,” said Dr. Odom. “Performance and choral music education are our most popular areas of study, while the concentration in sacred music is consistent with our Methodist heritage and beautifully complements Centenary’s Christian Leadership Center. Our composition graduates have been extremely successful and we have practicing professional composers on our faculty who make this area of study a perfect fit.”

Students who desire teaching certification would need to pursue the choral music education concentration and then continue in Centenary’s master of arts in teaching degree to obtain teaching certification and a graduate degree.

“We have a proud history of educating and preparing students to meet their career goals,” Dr. Odom continued. “Centenary’s Hurley School of Music continues to be an inspiring place to study music and will continue to give our students an excellent foundation for careers and graduate study while offering a flexible education that fits their particular interests and needs.”

IN CONCLUSION

With the eventual phase out of some majors, Centenary’s focus will be on streamlining undergraduate arts and science programs and perhaps complementing them with professional programs such as the master’s of arts in teaching. This new focus creates the opportunity for students to graduate from the College with an undergraduate degree in the arts and sciences and a master’s degree, that offers professional credentials.

“Centenary College has been here since 1825,” said Dr. Rowe. “We are in one of those transition periods when we need to refocus and reframe our vision for the future. And, right-sizing the academic programs is a step in the right direction.” ❧

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> —DR. GALE ODOM
> DEAN OF THE HURLEY SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Degrees and Programs offered:

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- Art & Visual Culture
  - Studio Art
  - Visual Culture
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Biophysics
- Business Administration
  - Accounting
  - Finance
  - Management
- Chemistry
- Communication
  - Film/Television/Video
  - New Media
  - Professional Writing
- Economics
- English
- French
- Geology
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
  - Performance
  - Choral Music Education
  - Sacred Music
  - Composition
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Theatre
- Individualized Major

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS & MINORS

- Allied Health Tracks
  - Medical Technology
  - Pharmacy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Physician Assistant
  - Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology 3/2
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- Engineering 3/2
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- Museum Management
- Physics*
- Pre-Dentistry
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- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Veterinary
- Spanish*

* *Minor*

GRADUATE DEGREES

- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Master of Business Administration

sports RECAP

2009-10

From All-Americans to professional contracts to new coaches and departures of those who we will long remember, an overall positive outlook recaps the 2009-10 athletic season.

WHITING

SHEPARD

TOMPKINS

TROMBLEE

LUGO

ROBINSON

Gents Baseball. By far one of the most competitive schedules forced the Gents to face Big 12 Texas A&M, SEC Arkansas, Hawaii, Gonzaga and the always strong Summit League foe, Oral Roberts. Despite this, Centenary captured a third-place regular season finish with an overall record of 28-26 and 17-9 in The Summit League.

The Summit League honored five Gents on the All-League teams highlighted by right-handed pitcher **Boone Whiting** with Pitcher of the Year and First Team All-League. Also receiving post-season honors were senior outfielder **Cliff Shepard,** senior designated hitter **Michael Tompkins,** junior left-handed pitcher **Stephen Tromblee** and sophomore righty **Seth Lugo.**

Boone Whiting also earned Third Team All-American honors by *Ping!Baseball.* The junior became the all-time leader in strikeouts at Centenary this season with 256 punch outs in three years surpassing Kevin Cassidy's 218.

Whiting and left-handed pitcher **Dakota Robinson** celebrated their successful careers as they were both drafted in the 2010 MLB First Year Player Draft in early June. Whiting was an 18th round selection going to the St. Louis Cardinals, and Robinson was a 26th round selection to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. Both pitchers signed professional contracts to their respective organizations.

Following the season, Ed McCann, head coach of 12 years, announced his resignation. Stepping up and fulfilling a much-needed role, former associate head coach **Mike Diaz** took over the program in late June.

DIAZ

FAITZ

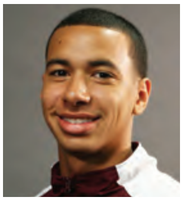
Golf. The Gents golf team played its best golf at its own Hal Sutton Intercollegiate this season, placing second overall behind Binghamton. Centenary was led by senior **Nick Faitz,** who captured a first place victory with a three-round even par.

STENMAN

Volleyball. **Jon Stenman** was named new Ladies volleyball head coach following the 2009 season replacing Dan Gwitt who left to pursue other opportunities.

For the third year in a row the Ladies and Gents were honored with The Summit League Sportsmanship award.

JORDAN


OLIVIER

SCHNEIDER

PITTMAN

Swimming. Head swimming coach **Butch Jordan** was recognized at the Summit League Championships as the "Men's Coach of the Championship."

Freshmen **Ross Olivier, Matthew Pittman** and **Haley Schneider** were all named to the All-League team following The Summit League Championships. The Gents finished in second place while the Ladies finished fourth.

Ladies Softball. Centenary softball experienced one of its toughest years since head coach Mark Montgomery took over the program eight years ago as they didn't manage to make the league tournament.

Mark Lambert was hired as an associate head coach at the beginning of

LAMBERT

the season in anticipation of taking over the program upon Montgomery's planned departure in late Spring.

Montgomery leaves Centenary after leading the Ladies for eight years and the NCAA Regionals twice. He will now pursue a coaching career at Northern Colorado and will hand the Ladies program off to Lambert, who hails from Captain Shreve High School in Shreveport.

The Ladies received one post-season honor as junior **Sara Dornelas** captured Second Team All-League honors as a utility player after finishing the season as Centenary's top pitcher and hitter.

DORNELAS

GOERLITZ

DAUGHERTY

LIEBLICH

HOLT

LANT

SCHNEIDER

Gymnastics. The Ladies gymnastics team was under new direction this season when **Gretchen Goerlitz** took over the program. The Ladies had five USAG National Qualifiers. Senior **Whitney Daugherty** on Floor, freshman **Jessica Lieblich** on Beam, freshman **Amanda Holt** on Vault, junior **Makensie Lant** on Bars, and junior **Marisa Schneider** in the All-Around competition represented Centenary in Denton, Texas.

EVANS

VALDEZ

RUCINSKI

TURNER

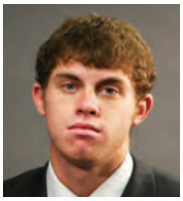
Ladies Soccer. The only Ladies sport to finish above the .500 mark, Centenary women's soccer was 11-6-1 overall and barely missed making the league tournament.

Ladies head coach Chase Wooten '98 also departed Centenary and took over the program at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma. Assistant coach and former head coach **Glenn Evans '69** remains on staff and will head the Ladies program this upcoming season.

The season was highlighted by several post-season honors as sophomore **Katie Valdez** was named to the First Team All-Summit League team and freshman **Hisa Turner** was recognized to the Newcomer team. Valdez and freshman **Allison Rucinski** also earned All-LSWA honors.

BONHAM

STARRING


PEREZ

WALSH

Gents Basketball. Centenary rostered just one senior in **Jerrald Bonham** and eight newcomers. The young team opened the season at Big East Marquette and played Big 12 OU, SEC Mississippi State and Ole Miss.

Redshirt freshman **Daman Starring** earned "Freshman of the Year" honors from the Louisiana Sports Writers Association (LSWA) while sophomore **David Perez** was named Third Team All-LSWA for their play.

Gents head coach Greg Gary left Centenary in early May, with former assistant **Adam Walsh** named as the new head coach. Walsh served as an assistant for the last three years and will be the 21st head coach in the program's history.

Moving to the “Southwest”

Currently competing as an NCAA Division I institution, Centenary announced in July, 2009 that it would seek reclassification as a NCAA Division III member

SGA President Matthew Wallace ’10 (left) and student athlete Quinn Larwood ’10 unveil the poster naming the American Southwest Conference while President Rowe looks on.

Taking the stage, surrounded by students, alumni and faculty members, Centenary College President David Rowe officially accepted an invitation April 12 for membership into the American Southwest Conference, one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate athletic conferences in NCAA Division III sports.

“This is a great day for Centenary College and the ASC,” said Rowe. “We are thrilled to join this conference and look forward to the robust competition and increased campus spirit that this affiliation will bring to our school.”

Centenary, currently competing as a NCAA Division I institution in The Summit League, announced in July 2009 that it would seek reclassification as a NCAA Division III member. The start date for membership in the American Southwest Conference will be determined following the College’s selection into the Division III membership education program.

“Moving to Division III is an important step in our overall strategic plan of transforming Centenary, expanding our student recruitment throughout the region and in providing the very best in athletics competition for our students,” added Dr. Rowe. “Our transition to Division III is a move that will support and advance the mission and educational philosophy of the College.”

Centenary will field athletic teams in 13 ASC championship sports, including baseball, basketball (m/w), cross country (m/w), golf (m/w), soccer (m/w), softball, tennis (m/w) and volleyball. Additionally, Centenary will compete in women’s gymnastics, along with swimming and diving (m/w).

“The American Southwest Conference is pleased to welcome Centenary College of Louisiana to our membership and to support the College’s transition to NCAA Division III affiliation,” said Amy Carlton, Commissioner of the American Southwest Conference. “Centenary College brings to the ASC a strong academic profile and a commitment to athletics as part of the student’s overall collegiate experience – both cornerstones in Division III and the American Southwest Conference.”

Geographically, the College is centered among the ASC East Division schools with the opportunity for athletic rivalries to form quickly within the division as well as with ASC West Division programs. Built-in rivalries with other schools in the eastern division include Louisiana College, University of Texas-Tyler, Mississippi College and LeTourneau University to name a few.

The location of the eastern division schools and the level of competition is one of the biggest draws of the conference according to Dr. Tom Tallach ’93, Centenary’s Director of Athletics.

“We are very excited about new affiliation with the conference,” said Tallach. “There will be a high level of competition, the opportunity to compete regionally and establish strong rivalries, and most important, not have to spend so much time on the road. When you factor in all these things I think it makes for a fantastic student-athlete experience.”

Founded in May 1996 to provide a structure for intercollegiate athletics among member institutions, the American Southwest Conference includes former members of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association (TIAA) and other institutions from outside the Texas borders. From the eight founding institutions to today’s present group of 15 colleges and universities, the ASC encompasses institutions sharing similar educational and athletic philosophies. Spreading across the 422,060 square miles of the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, the ASC offers student-athletes competition in 16 sports with opportunity for advancement to conference and NCAA Division III championships.

Members of the American Southwest Conference include Concordia University Texas, East Texas Baptist University, Hardin-Simmons University, Howard Payne University, LeTourneau University, Louisiana College, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, McMurry University, Mississippi College, University of the Ozarks, Schreiner University, Sul Ross State University, University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas at Tyler, and Texas Lutheran University.

“When Centenary College comes aboard, the ASC will move back to a 16-member level and take another step in strengthening the competitive profile of the conference’s championship sports,” added Carlton. “In the broader picture, Centenary’s Division III membership benefits not only the ASC, but Division III institutions and conferences across the south and southwest. Geographically, Centenary is centered among the ASC East Division schools and I foresee rivalries forming quickly in several sports. When the West Division is included, the opportunity for enhancing competitive and collegial ties among all ASC members grows even more.”

On July 19, the NCAA Division III management council approved Centenary’s request for reclassification. The four-year reclassifying member program officially begins September 1.

Like the mighty oaks that have established deep roots at the College, so have the roots for one Centenary alumnus…

DR. ROBERT ED TAYLOR ’52

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You don’t have to look very far to see them. Their majestic canopies dot the landscape around campus and along Centenary Boulevard. Many are decades old and have been a fixture here since the early 1950s. Some of these giant Live Oaks are 40 to 50 feet tall with branches that spread out to nearly 70 feet.

But for as tall as these giants are, they started out as seedlings. When first planted, there is a rapid root development with very little growth above ground. The first few years for these slow-growing trees are focused on establishing a deep, sustaining root system. Once this happens above ground growth can take place.

As the oak grows, so does the root system, sometimes reaching out to as far as 90 feet away from the trunk. For a mature oak, this horizontal root system is the primary supporter of the tree for the rest of its life.

And like the mighty oaks that have established deep roots at the College, so have the roots for one Centenary alumnus… Dr. Robert Ed Taylor ’52.

His “Centenary seeds” were first planted when as a young boy of only 6-years-old, Dr. Taylor would spend summers at his grandparents’ boarding house sitting on the front porch. In 1937 he could look across the street from what is today’s Turner Art Center and witness the comings and goings at the College, unaware that his future sat right across the street on the hilly and wooded campus.

Since then, he has maintained a life-long connection with Centenary, first as a student, then chaplain and professor, then coming full circle as a student again, auditing classes for his personal enjoyment.

“My love for Centenary began when I first started visiting my grandparent’s, and I knew from a very early age that I was going into the Methodist ministry,” said Dr. Taylor. “It was normal then for potential clergy to attend the College.”

He attended Centenary and became a Gent, making life-long friendships that to this day he still maintains. One of his best friends, he said, was William Earl “Wishy” Nolan ’54. “Wishy and I are great friends and we owe that friendship to our time we spent not only here, but when we went to the seminary together at Southern Methodist University. We roomed together at seminary for a year, until I got married.”

He returned to Centenary in 1961 at the request of then president, Dr. Joe Mickle, as chaplain and professor of religion. When he retired in 1996 after serving for 35 years, he was recognized as the longest-serving chaplain in the College’s history.

Along the way, he served through the tenures of five presidents in numerous positions, including Director of Church Relations, Director of the Church Careers program, Assistant to the President, Acting Dean of the College, Chairman of the Department of Religion, and the T.L. James Chair in Religion.

“I was chaplain through every job I held on campus… I was always chaplain and always taught at least one course,” he said during an interview in 1996 recounting his time at the College prior to his retirement.

“I held every job I could while I was here except president, and there was never any danger of that,” he recently said jokingly. “And I loved every one of them.”

He was honored throughout his time at the College, including the Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1976; faculty pacesetter in 1971, 1973 and 1992; was recognized by the Alumni Association with its Distinguished Service Award in 1985; and was named Honorary Maroon Jacket in 1989.

Prior to and in addition to his service at Centenary, Dr. Taylor first served as pastor of Ringgold and Montague United Methodist Church (1953-1955), associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge (1955-1957), and pastor at First United Methodist Church in Zachary, La. (1957-1961), Keatchie United Methodist Church (1963-1965), Stonewall United Methodist Church (1980-1986), and Longstreet United Methodist Church (1973-1987). He retired in 1996 as an Ordained Elder from the Louisiana Annual Conference after 42 years of service.

Robert Ed Taylor as professor of Religion.
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After all the years he spent at Centenary, as student, chaplain, professor and now in his retirement years, he still maintains a deep love and connection to his *alma mater*. He has returned on three occasions to teach including when Dr. David Otto, Chair of the Religious Studies department, and Dr. Susan Brayford, professor of religious studies were on sabbatical. "So in actuality I have 38 years teaching at Centenary!"

A self-proclaimed "dabbler in art" he has also attended several non-credit classes that he puts to use in his love for art. In the past 15 years since retiring, he has sat in the classroom with students not even a third of his age, taking classes in art, painting and drawing as well as a creative writing class. His motivation is simple, going from teacher back to student…"it is a personal interest and I believe that education is a life-long proposition."

He has also seen Centenary go through cycles of financial difficulties similar to what the College faces today. According to Dr. Taylor, it is incumbent upon alumni to be supportive of their *alma mater.* "Over the years I have seen alumni and trustees come to the rescue of Centenary with their financial support. It is our responsibility as alumni to support the College if at all possible so that the children of our children will have the same opportunity to experience what we did."

When reflecting on his nearly six-decade affiliation and connection with Centenary, Dr. Taylor said that the relationship has been mutually beneficial, which is exactly what the National Alumni Association strives to offer all alumni. "My connection with the College is one of exploring new ideas, taking advantage of the many opportunities and benefits presented, and maintaining what we coined in my early years here…the connection to the Centenary family."

The old saying that the "nut doesn't fall too far from the tree" is doubly true when describing the Taylor family. His son, Marshall Taylor '79 had the Centenary seeds planted for him at an early age just like his father. He remembers coming to Centenary in 1961 when his dad was first appointed as Chaplain of the College. "It turns out the appointment for my dad was the perfect fit for him," said Marshall. "He was a great teacher and the students loved him. The fit was so good that the Louisiana Annual Conference never transferred him anywhere else."

Having been around the campus since he was three and a half years old, the younger Taylor was destined to attend his father's *alma mater* and remembers his time at Centenary as some of the best years of his life. Just like his father, he stays in touch with friends, staff, and professors, even though some of them left the College decades ago. "Shreveport is where my parents and sister still live," Marshall said. "I always look forward to driving by the campus to see what is new and what has changed, and to visiting old friends."

Like her father and brother, Libby Taylor Burkhalter '83 also loved Centenary, and in particular, Brown Chapel because she would attend services alongside the students that her father conducted in the chapel. "Like my father, I always knew that I wanted to attend school here," said Libby. "My parents used to host events in their home for prospective students and I always considered myself one of them."

Taylor as a senior, 1952.

It was also helpful that her gymnastics coach happened to be at Centenary. "I wanted to continue training with him so deciding to attend Centenary was a natural progression." Libby met her husband, Steve Burkhalter '83, while attending Centenary. They married in Brown Chapel two years after they graduated.

When she speaks about her father's successful tenure here, she believes it was his ability to build interpersonal relationships with faculty and students and his gift for listening. "Students would call him 'Robert Ed' and he always worked on their level," she said. "They also sought out his advice. He loved to teach and connect with his students in the same caring way he did as a father and therefore his students became part of an extended family."

Centenary is fortunate to have among its alumni such a wise, caring, and moral leader, who for over 70 years has maintained a rich relationship with his *alma mater.* When asked what his next connection with the College might be, ideas immediately began flowing for a Life-Long Learning series of talks to be presented by the Alumni Association for anyone interested in attending. Robert Ed Taylor is likely to be the first name on the registration sheet. ❧

CENTENARY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MISSION STATEMENT

To foster among former students lifelong relationships with each other and the College that will encourage alumni to participate in and actively advance the mission of Centenary College of Louisiana.

ALUMNI BOARD updates

THE CENTENARY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HOSTED A RECEPTION HONORING ITS BOARD MEMBERS JUNE 10. THE BOARD OFFICIALLY MARKED ITS TRANSITION JULY 1.

(L-R) Angie White '93, outgoing secretary; Cindy Gleason Johnson '81, immediate past president; Michael Woolbert '81, president; Scott Green '84, president-elect; and Corey Shadd '09, secretary.

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Corey Shadd '09

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The Canadian Rockies by Train, June 13-20, 2011

Join us on an eight-day journey through Canada's West from Calgary to Vancouver. The itinerary includes two nights in Banff, one in Jasper, two days on the Rocky Mountaineer (the most spectacular train trip in the Americas), with one night in Kamloops, and three nights in Vancouver. Packed into the eight days are Ice Explorer rides over the Columbia Ice Field, visits to the beautiful Lake Louise, Jasper National Park, Mount Victoria and the Victoria Glacier, Vermillion Lakes, and the spectacular city of Vancouver. See the sites of the recent 21st Olympic Winter games in Vancouver, enjoy a domed train to and from the exciting mountain town of Whistler, and ride a high-speed ferry to Victoria for its "old town" and Butchart Gardens.

The tour, led by retired professor and Centenary alumnus Dr. Will K. Andress '61, includes seven nights in hotels, breakfast daily and two lunches, three days of train, motor coach and ferry travel, guided sightseeing, garden and park entry fees, and airport and train transfers. The double occupancy price per person is $3,875. A deposit of $500 is required. The flights, not included, will be priced and billed separately in late August. All alumni and friends of the College are invited on this international tour.

For more information contact Lynn Yancey, Globe Travel, at 318.797.1581.

Lake Louise Canadian Rockies

Travel and change of place impart new vigor to the mind.
—Seneca

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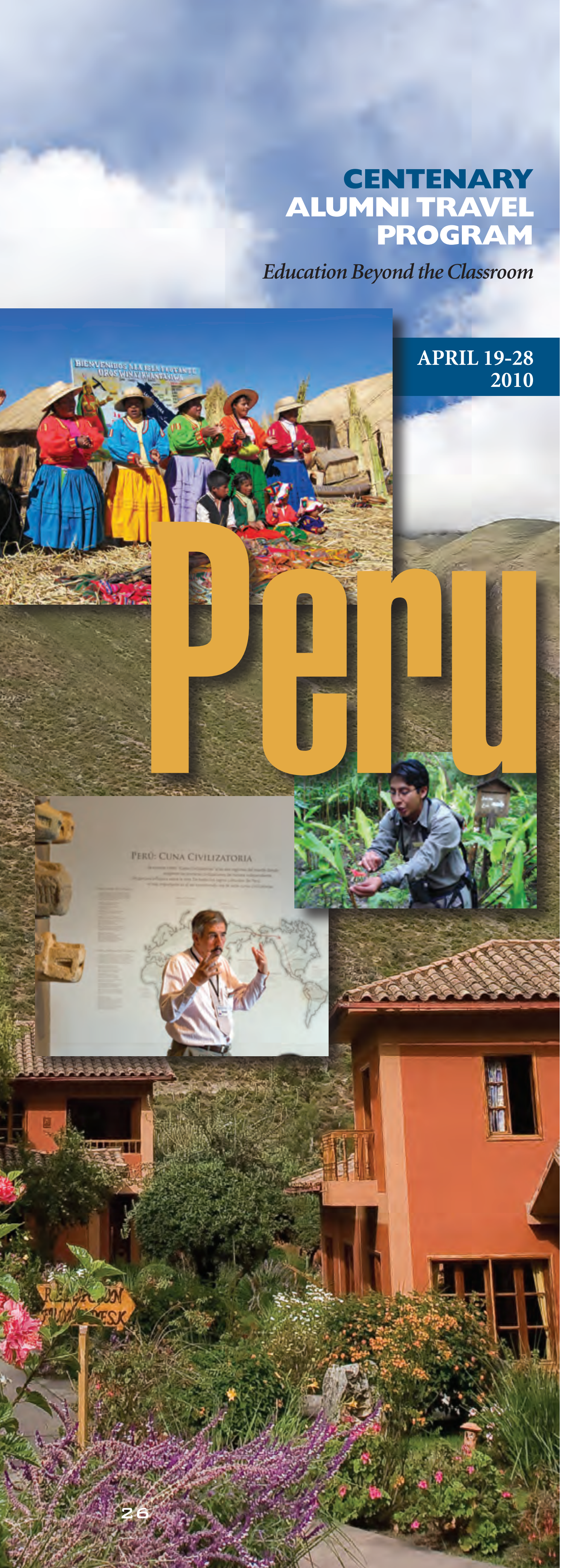
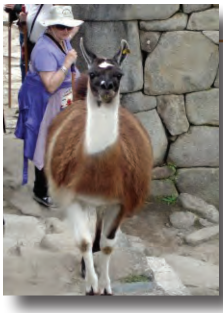


“This was one of the best trips of my life!!!”
—Annette Rogers, long-time Centenary traveler and friend of the College

“Clearly, I understood that I was going to be learning something new on this trip…and it did not disappoint. It was the lure of Machu Picchu that got me to Peru. To my delight, there was so much more to it than one set of Inca ruins. The people and their respect for their natural environment are inspiring. For thousands of years the people of Peru tended their resources, learned from them, and passed their learning along to the next generation through sophisticated practices. The food is nutritious, plentiful, and delicious. I most appreciated what the local tribes and families shared with us—cheese, fish, potatoes, corn, quinoa [keen-wa], fava beans, and vegetable soup. I have made many trips associated with Centenary and with Will Andress ’61. One of the things I love most is the content and context provided by the guides. Centenary students and alumni amplify the benefits of these resources by their many — questions, willingness to learn and explore, and appreciation for living and great fellowship.”

—Cynthia Lewis ’75



“I can see the headlines in the newspaper now *‘Shreveport Women Dies After Llama Attack.’* Yes, a ‘friendly’ llama tried to push me off the cliff, or at least it seemed that way. He continued to follow me and nudge me along. I didn’t think the path in Machu Picchu was big enough for the both of us. Other llamas were placidly chewing the grass in the terraces but the big one kept right up with me. We saw other wonderful animals along the way: beautiful butterflies, exotic birds, a few monkeys, and to my surprise, many cows. However the thing that surprised me the most was the huge number of dogs. Yes, they were in doorways, gardens, and the highways, but no one ran over them; buses and cars just went around!”

—Julia H. Andress ’61

“The strength and persistence of pre-colonial cultures in 21st Century Peru was unexpected by most of us. Spanish is the primary language among Lima’s nine million people, but Quechua [Ket-chu-ä] and Aymara [I-mär-a], native tongues, are also official languages. Many Peruvians are like our three guides, Hernando, Carlos, and Blady, who spoke a native language at home and learned Spanish in elementary school. The name of a large city, Cusco, comes from the Quechua word for ‘navel;’ for the Inca it was the center of the world. The words for sun and moon, ‘inti’ and ‘killa,’ are used on signs (there was an ‘Inti-Killa Snack Shop’ in one small town), and streets have Quechua names. A wedding may be in a Catholic church, but after the ceremony Cusco couples customarily visit Sacsayhuamán [Sexy Woman], a site of Inca ruins outside of town, to have their wedding photos taken. (We met a bride and groom there during our visit). The Catholic Church accepts such blending of cultures; when Pope John Paul II visited Cusco in 1985, he spoke in Quechua.”

—Sara Burroughs ’61

Photos courtesy of Carla E. Alsandor MBA ’04, Gene Bryson ’63, Sara Burroughs ’61, Maureen Grubb, Dick Hemmings, and Cynthia Lewis ’75.

The South American country of Peru is a fascinating place full of vibrant colors, breathtaking vistas, beautiful music, rich natural resources, ancient sites, structures of enormous proportion, colonial architecture, and determined and talented people.

Our tour started in the capital city of Lima situated along the western coast. Our guide, Hernando, taught us about the economy, educational system, politics, and most interesting of all—the many ancient cultures preceding the Inca Empire. Think of the spread of the Roman Empire and you will get a sense as to how Peru became known mainly for its Inca culture, which lasted a relatively brief time (1197-1532).

At its height in the 15th and 16th centuries, the Inca Empire covered thousands of square miles stretching almost the entire length of the Andes. However, the earliest evidence of human civilization in Peru dates back to circa 20,000 B.C. Lima's museums are filled with archeological finds from the Inca Empire and from the many distinct, ancient cultures that came before.

The second region that we toured is the most well-known part of the country—the Inca Heartland. Here we visited the Sacred Valley, ancient Pisac Ruins, Cusco City, and the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu. Situated high in the Andes at 7,710 ft., this lost city of the Inca may be the most famous site in South America. The ruins, overlooking the Urubamba Valley, were discovered by American explorer and Yale professor Hiram Bingham in 1911. Archaeologists estimate that as many as 2,000 people lived in this city before it was abandoned.

We were fortunate to have a knowledgeable and personable guide, Carlos, who studied archaeology prior to switching his major to tourism. The weather was terrific the day we visited, giving us plenty of time to explore the ruins and contemplate what life must have been like there more than 500 years ago. This breathtakingly beautiful, mountain setting is extremely remote which made it even more difficult to imagine just how they did it; meaning, how did the Inca construct this advanced city made of solid granite, cut and transported from the mountains and weighing as much as three tons, when they had only the most rudimentary tools made of stone and no wheels. It is a question archaeologists will continue to ask for years to come.

Canyon Country was the third and final region of our journey, featuring Lake Titicaca, the highest lake of its size in the world at an elevation of 12,500 ft. and covering more than 3,200 square miles. Located on the southeastern border of the country, these azure waters of Peru and Bolivia are dotted with numerous islands, two of which we visited. Islas Uros is simply fascinating—more than 40 floating islands made of reed where the locals live a life of fishing, farming, stitching, weaving, and welcoming tourists. Their huts, boats, furniture, firewood, and even food are derived from the same reed. When asked why the Uros choose to live in this unique way, our guide, Blady, explained that the floating islands were developed centuries ago to escape hostile cultures on the mainland. The ancient language of Aymara is still spoken there. These gentle people send their children to school and engage in weekly bartering on the mainland, but they prefer the quiet life on their reed islands where the word "homemade" is elevated to an entirely new level.

We also visited Isla Taquile, a natural island where Quechua-speaking families abide by the Inca creed, "Do not steal, do not be idle, do not lie." There is no law enforcement authority. There are no vehicles, donkeys, or llamas for transportation. The men, in their colorful garb, knit intricate clothing and accessories while the women spin and weave. We received grand treatment during our brief visit and went away with warm wishes and woolen treasures.

This Alumni Travel *Education Beyond the Classroom* journey south of the Equator was a true learning experience. The Inca Civilization that dominated Peru until the 16th Century and the Spanish conquest and colonization led by Francisco Pizarro in the early 1500's served to shape what is commonly known about this beautiful and fascinating country. The co-existence of ancient and Christian beliefs, the richness of the land, and the diversity of its many cultures are what make it so much more.

—Carla E. Alsandor MBA'04
Director of Alumni Relations

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Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler!

a look back at Homecoming 2010

The weather may not have been perfect, with clouds, rain and temperatures in the low 40's, but that did not stop alumni and friends of Centenary from returning to celebrate Homecoming 2010. With a theme of *Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler,* or *Let the Good Times Roll*, alumni, students, faculty, staff, family and friends enjoyed the many events both on and off campus. From the Founder's Day Convocation, Homecoming Parade and TKE versus alumni football game, to Ladies and Gents basketball, class reunions and the 35th Anniversary of the Christian Leadership Center, spirits were high and the theme captured the mood of all in attendance. Take a look back at the events that had everyone letting the "Good Times Roll!"

ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER RECEPTION

Alumni Loyalty Award
Mrs. Jane Huchinson James '57

Honorary Alumna
Ms. Carolyn Querbes Nelson H'10

Honorary Alumna
Dr. Victoria A. LeFevers H'10

Young Alumni Leadership Award
Mr. Denis Poljak '94

Alumni Hall of Fame
Lt. General John Spencer Hardy '38

George Schurman '57 was presented with a certificate recognizing the Benjamin C. and Grace Rankin Schurman First-Generation Endowed Scholarship established in honor of his parents.

MORNING CALL

Outstanding Professor of the Year
Dr. David Otto '83

President's Excellence Award
Chief Zeke Aull, Director of Public Safety

SAVE THE DATES: HOMECOMING 2011 | FEB 3-6
Reunions for Class of 1961 (50th and Quinq Club Induction), 1971 (40th), 1986 (25th), 2001(10th) and ROTC

FOUNDERS' DAY CONVOCATION

President David Rowe and President Emeritus Donald A. Webb share a laugh as they process at Founders' Day Convocation. Dr. Webb served as the Founders' Day speaker and gave a compelling speech entitled "Re-member the Founders."

ANNUAL TKE ALUMNI VS. ACTIVES

Alumni and students face off against each other at the annual TKE Alumni vs. Actives Football Game on Jones-Rice Intramural Field.

HOMECOMING PARADE

QUINQ CLUB BREAKFAST

Members of the Class of 1960 pose after receiving their commemorative pins from President Rowe at the annual Quinq Club Breakfast in honor of the 50th anniversary of their graduation.

HOMECOMING PICNIC

HOMECOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

50% PAIN
AND
100% REASON
to
REMEMBER THE
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Members of the 2010 Homecoming Court pose before the crowning. Casual attire went along with the Mardi Gras theme.

STARRING
STARRING

TAILGATE PARTY & GUMBO COOKOFF

A change in location due to weather didn't stop the Centenary community from enjoying Big Hat Tom Fields and his Zydeco Band at Friday night's tailgate party and gumbo cookoff.

35th Anniversary Church Careers/Christian Leadership Center Reception and Colloquium

(L-R) Bryan Dauphine '86, Robert Ed Taylor '52, Mark Bray '88, Alicia Richey Gaby '88, Pam Besser '88, Tiffany Rogers '99, and back row Robert Besser '88

Dona Anders and Margie Burns

2010 Bentley Sloane Alumni Award
Dr. M. Jack O'Dell '78, recipient
The award is presented to an alumnus of the Christian Leadership Center (formerly known as Church Careers) for professional achievement in a church related vocation.
Above: Mandy and Jack O'Dell.

Bryan Dauphine '86 and wife, Nancy

Katy Valentine '00, David McCormick '02 and Susanna Miller '04

Christian Leadership Director Rev. Valerie Robideaux '03, Emma Cook '09 and Michael Jarboe '10

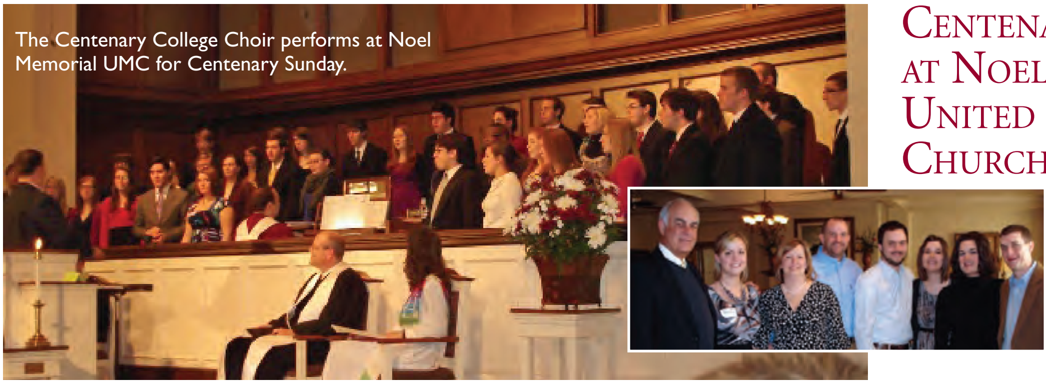
GOLD Party

[Graduates of the Last Decade]

Far left: (L-R) Luke Spence '05, Andrew Barkley '04 and Taylor Robertson '07

Left: Mary Walter '08 and David Williams '10

Centenary Sunday at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church



The Centenary College Choir performs at Noel Memorial UMC for Centenary Sunday.

(L-R) Chris Middleton '73,
Erin Middleton '08,
Julia Morrow '97,
Kenny Morrow '99, MBA '03
Brian Middleton '07,
Jenna Roché Middleton '06,
Kristin Middleton '05,
and Adam Blancher '02

COMMENCEMENT

Commencement speaker tells graduates,

“write your own story, believe in your potential”

Find your passion, believe in your potential and those around you, and live your dream was the message given by Jessica Jackley during her address to Centenary’s graduating class of 2010 during the annual commencement exercise held May 8.

“As you go out into the world, the only limiting factor is how much you believe in your own potential,” said Jackley. “Hold strong to that belief because it is that belief that changes the world.”

Co-founder of *Kiva.org*, the world’s first online micro-lending platform, Jackley spoke to the nearly 200 graduates about her personal experiences 10 years ago when she was preparing for her graduation and had the opportunity to deliver her own commencement address at Bucknell University.

“I thought this was a great opportunity to think back on how I was feeling, how I felt about myself, and what I thought about my education,” she said. “But more importantly, I thought about what my friends would say had they been given the same opportunity. It was then I realized that the theme of my address was about the voices around me, and the stories people told to me and what they were going through.”

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> —JESSICA JACKLEY

Flash forward 10 years and Jackley is still listening to people, still listening to their stories, and now challenges herself to become a better person and help change the lives of others. That was the premise that helped her launch *Kiva.org*.

“I believe the best thing we can do is help one another and stories help us reach out to each other,” Jackley said.

Jackley did not so much give a history lesson on the micro-lending site that to date has facilitated more than $100 million in loans to people across the globe to help alleviate poverty, but how her desire to help was based on the “stories” she heard growing up and later during her adult years.

She remembered two separate events that helped shape what she would eventually define as what she wanted to accomplish with her life. Alleviating poverty and empowering people was the path on which her life would lead her.

Growing up in a loving, middle-class family that did not have a lot of money, she first recalled a story from Sunday school about poor people who needed food, clothing and shelter. She was terrified that this problem was not going to go away, yet excited and inspired that she could somehow help. At a very young age the only thing she could do, she said, was donate money. God, she said, needed her help so she felt very empowered. But over time she started feeling guilty about her own relative wealth and the money she was donating was only making her feel “less guilty.”

“I wasn’t listening to the stories anymore,” she said. “I was tuning out the stories. I thought to myself, ‘let me just get this over with so I can make myself feel better.’”

Jackley later attended Bucknell University and after graduation, having no real plan, moved to California. “I didn’t have a car, didn’t have a job…I didn’t even have a bike,” she recalls. She landed on the grounds of Stanford University and with only suitcase in hand, passed out resumes and got a job working as a temporary assistant in the graduate school of business. It was there she found herself in the middle of what she calls an amazing institution, The Center of Social Innovation.

“Suddenly I was surrounded by people who were using business skills and principals to solve social problems,” Jackley said. “I had never been interested in business, never taken a business class and thought they were completely irrelevant to the things I wanted to do in the world.”

Her job turned into a full-time position and while at Stanford, she had the opportunity to meet Nobel Peace Prize winner, Dr. Muhammad Yunus, who is a pioneer in modern financial principals. “He told me of how to interact with the poor and it sounded like he was solving a problem. He explained how listening to their stories could lead to some really exciting change. And I thought, ‘how can I do something in this world that is measurable and help solve the problem of poverty?’”

Jackley said he wasn’t talking about the sadness of poverty, but that of smart entrepreneurs who just didn’t have access to resources. She was so inspired at what she heard that she quit her job and moved to Africa three weeks later.

She started listening to the stories again and spent three months hearing the stories from goat herders, seamstresses, farmers and people with small restaurants. “I felt I was listening again for a reason, that the stories were cliff hangers that needed the next chapter to be written. I wanted to contribute to that next chapter.”

Thus *Kiva.org* was launched in 2005. “It has been an amazing and wild five years of my life,” Jackley added.

It all came full circle for Jackley, going back to listening to the stories that defined what she needed to do with her life. For her, it was not about the numbers or the money, but about change that could be accomplished with it. She also brought her address to the graduates back full circle, telling them they have the power to change

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things in the world. "Find your passion, listen to your heart, believe in yourself and what you can accomplish," she told them.

"There are probably a million things wrong in this world that you know how to fix," she said. "But I think there are two things wrong with us or that are broken inside of us. Why aren't we fixing them? We have forgotten about our potential to stand up and start changing things, and we have stopped believing in someone else's potential."

"So if there is one thing as you are sitting here ready to go out in the world, remember you are writing your own story, you have a voice that is unique, and that your story matters." ❧

Alumna in Action

❝My first exposure to the global society was at Centenary, where I met students from other nations. It was fascinating to see how other cultures are very much like our own in terms of needs, desires, values and pursuits. Now, my husband and I make loans to African businesswomen thru *Kiva.org*. These women only need enough credit to purchase the raw materials for their trades. As women do well, so do families. The borrowers repay their small loans promptly and inspire other Africans to participate in this project, which is then spread among villages and districts across Africa. The African entrepreneurs have demonstrated a 97 percent repayment history, almost no risk. Kudos to my *alma mater* for inviting Ms. Jackley to Centenary to share the story of her noteworthy organization.❞

—PAT EVANS, ALUMNA
MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, FAIRFAX, VA.

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Keeping up with alumni…

Class Notes

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ASSOCIATION
1825

1947

Bill Harwell, Houston, Texas, is a retired physician.

1949

Harry Lazarus, Shreveport, La., is active with the Galvez Chapter–LASSAR, Gideons International, First United Methodist Church, Ark-La-Tex Genealogy Association, and the Military Officers Association of America.

1953

Connie Entrikin Gibson, Sewanee, Tenn., is a board member for Community Action, St. Augustine's Guild, and the hospital auxiliary.

1955

Ben Achee, Bossier City, La., is retired from the City of Shreveport as Pension Manager and from the U.S. Navy with 31 years of service in the Naval Reserve.

1956

Wanda Allen Dobie, Kerrville, Texas, is the church librarian for First Presbyterian Church in Kerrville. She is a retired librarian from the public library in Auburn, Ala. She spent 15 years as a public school librarian in Auburn and seven years as a reference librarian for the Auburn Public Library. She holds a media specialist, librarian certification for the State of Alabama from Auburn University.

Jerry Orr, Lawton, Okla., is retired from the military.

1957

Bill Mason, Jacksonville, Fla., President Emeritus of Baptist Health System in Jacksonville, was named the 2009 Prime Osborne Distinguished Business Leader of the Year for Jacksonville, and has been placed in the University of North Florida College of Business Hall of Fame. Dr. Mason served as Baptist Health Systems CEO for 25 years. He continues as a member of Baptist Medical Centers in East Africa and India. He is a board member of the Jacksonville Downtown Rotary Club where he is a Paul Harris Fellow. He is also chairman of the Jacksonville Port Authority and past chairman of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce.

George Schurman, Plano, Texas, was recently honored by The Holland Society of New York during their Texas branch meeting at the South Fork Hotel in Plano. National President John B. VanDerbeek IV of Seattle presided and presented the Outstanding Membership Award to Schurman for his service to the society, after which a surprise "This is Your Life George R. Schurman" video was shown. Thirty-nine members of the Schurman family were in attendance for the dinner banquet that followed.

1959

Jeanette DeSadier Bruce, Colorado Springs, Colo., has served as president of the Air Force Academy Wives Club, Colorado Springs Panhellenic, Pikes Peak Alpha Xi Delta Alums, Chapter CE of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Women of St. Michael's Episcopal Church; secretary of Glen Eagle Sertoma; vice president of Pikes Peak Questers; and chairman of AFA Hospital Red Cross. She currently serves on the hospitality committee of St. George's Anglican Church. Jeanette taught art at Broadmoor Jr. High for two years, owned and operated a dance school for children during four years of college and for two years afterwards. She taught dance to children at the United States Air Force Academy for two years and worked as assistant to sales in real estate for a new homes builder for 20 years.

1960

Fuller Bazer, College Station, Texas, is a Distinguished Professor at Texas A&M University. He received his M.S. at Louisiana State University in 1963 and his Ph.D. at North Carolina State University in 1969.

Mary Lou Gassen Blakeman, West Monroe, La., is a member of the National Association of School Psychologists. She holds a graduate degree from LSU-Shreveport (a specialist degree in School Psychology). She became a nationally certified school psychologist the first year it was offered by the National Association of School Psychologists in 1988 and retired Sept. 2008. For the past 16 years, she worked as a school psychologist at Swanson Center for Youth in Monroe. She and husband, **Warren '54,** have three children, all of whom graduated from Centenary. Together, with her sister, her sister's husband and son, and Warren's brother, nine members of Mary Lou's family have graduated from Centenary. She notes, "All of us remember our Centenary experience with great fondness and appreciation for what the College has given us the opportunity to do with our lives."

L. Deen Thompson, Antioch, Tenn., holds an M.Div. from Emory University. He is retired from The Upper Room and involved with Edgehill United Methodist Church and Reconciling Ministries Network.

1961

Sara Burroughs, Shreveport, La., graduated from Centenary in three years and then received her B.J. and M.A. from the University of Texas, her Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma, and worked in the newspaper industry in Beaumont, Houston and Tulsa before beginning her teaching career.

Jesse Hoffpauir, Pottsville, Ark., is a member of the Good Sam Club and a Kappa Sigma alumnus.

Joe LaGrone, Oak Ridge, Tenn., works independently with young people who are unemployed or underemployed, mentoring them in job searches, resumé preparation, and interview and communication skills. He was the manager of Oak Ridge Operations Office, Dept. of Energy, and retired in 1995 after more than 33 years of service—17 as a Senior Executive Level VI, the highest civilian ranking. He is now president of Socogee Corporation specializing in consulting services for national defense, homeland security, energy, environmental cleanup and organization, development, and team building.

Janet Gholson Stevenson, Port Townsend, Wash., says that Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University led her to a career for Church World Service, editing a quarterly magazine and teaching about the realities and myths of hunger. After more than 10 years of writing about famine, disaster, and civil war, she decided it was time to change careers. Janet returned to school learning the skills of wood-graining and faux marbling, which she has done for the past 15 years and loves. She has chaired the Spokane Human Rights Commission and served on that committee for many years. She also serves on the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors, the PNW Annual Conference Board of Religion and Race, and the American Association of University Women.

1962

John Lemmons, Columbus, Ohio, received his Master of Science in Microbiology from Idaho State University in 1970.

1964

Tom Head, Washington, D.C., is a food and travel writer.

Jim Oldson, Edgewater, Md., retired from his positions at both Mobil Oil Corporation and Verizon Bell Atlantic Corporation. He is currently a management professor at Salisbury University of Maryland. He also works for the Academy of Management-Beta Gamma Sigma (Business Honor Society) as faculty advisor. He received his Ph.D. at The George Washington University.

1965

Louise Minter Britt, Nashville, Tenn., is a broker with Re/Max Elite.

1966

Ralph Harker, Muskogee, Okla., works for Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

Bob Schwendimann, Shreveport, La., Professor of Neurology at LSUHSC-Shreveport, has been appointed interim chairman of the department of Neurology. Previously in private practice in Shreveport for 20 years, Bob has been at LSUHSC-S for 15 years. He is married to **Alice Ann Buchanan Schwendimann '67.**

1967

Jim Carver, Baton Rouge, La., is managing partner of the Baton Rouge office of the law firm of Oats & Hudson. Previously, he was a partner at the law firm of Taylor Porter Brooks & Phillips. Prior to that he was a research scientist at Exxon Research and Development Labs in Baton Rouge. Before joining Exxon, he was an Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Texas A&M University. He still maintains his connection to chemistry through membership in the American Chemical Society where he is a counselor for the Division of Chemistry and Law. He is a member of and sings in the choir at First United Methodist Church. Jim was also a former lay leader and taught a Sunday School class of older singles at Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

Mary Sorrows Hughes, Shreveport, La., is owner of Sorrow Hughes Art Studio. She is a freelance artist and enjoys gardening, exercising, reading, playing the flute, and is interested in ecology—focusing on leaving a smaller footprint on our planet. She is an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church where she sings in the choir. Mary belongs to Louisiana Artists Inc., Southwestern Watercolor Society, the Hoover Watercolor Society, and many other organizations.

Matt Lowe, Nacogdoches, Texas, received his M.D. from LSU School of Medicine–New

3rd Annual Shreveport-Bossier Crawfish Boil, hosted by Kim '95 and Drew '92 Meeder, May 9, 2009

Margie Burns '48 and Director of Alumni Relations Carla E. Alsandor MBA '04

Host Drew Meeder '92 prepares the crawfish for boiling!

New Orleans Chapter Crawfish Boil, hosted by Todd Hebert '89, May 16, 2009

Rebekah Perkins '08, Carlie Duhon-Bumgardner '07 and Ben Bumgardner '06

Debbie Elsen '06 and New Orleans Chapter President Jared Frank '06

Centenary alumni & friends lunch during the 2009 Annual Conference, Kenner, La., June 8, 2009

Fane and William '62 Peeples and Rev. W. Spiller '61 and Barbara Milton

MBA Affinity Lunch Bunch
Chianti Restaurant, June 3, 2009

(L to R) Richard Corbett '03, Belinda Jones '99, Cole Anderson '10, Cindy Gleason Johnson '81/MBA '11, Barry Milligan '03 and Terry Moore '06

Central Arkansas Chapter Crawfish Boil, home of Paige '97 and Eric '96 Horras, June 6, 2009

Hosts Eric '96 and Paige '97 Horras

Central Arkansas Alumni enjoy crawfish!

Central Louisiana Alumni Dinner Cajun Landing, Alexandria, La. June 8, 2009

Central Louisiana alumni enjoy dinner with the alumni relations staff. In attendance were Sarah Vogt '08, Saige Wilhite '05, Carla E. Alsandor MBA '04, Jeff Goins '88, Bill Norton '58, and Graham Bateman McFerran '83.

Orleans in 1971; did his internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso from July 1971 to June 1975; served in Germany from July 1975 to June 1978; and was in private practice in Nacogdoches from July 1978 to May 1993. From 1993 to the present, he has been an associate professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch–Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Regional Maternal Child Health Program. He is the former president of Nacogdoches Rotary Club and involved with the Vietnam Veterans of America Pineywoods Chapter 931.

1968

Richard Schmidt, Alpharetta, Ga., is the vice president of eastern sales for GATX Corporation. He is active with Kappa Sigma and is a charter organization representative for Boy Scouts of America.

Richard Walton, Oregon City, Ore., received U.S. Navy training in electronics after graduating from Centenary and worked as an electronics technician several years following his service. He has been a technical writer since 1983. He worked primarily for Tektronix Inc., briefly for Grass Valley Group, and is now a training course developer for Xerox Corporation. His hobbies include collecting and restoring antique radios, and playing string bass with various groups. He and wife, Elizabeth, attend First United Methodist in Portland, and both sing in the Chancel Choir. He is involved with the Northwest Vintage Radio Society (newsletter editor) and the U.S.S. Knox Reunion Association.

1969

George Clark, Randolph, N.J., is president of G.A.R.D. Management.

Danny Lorant, Oklahoma City, Okla., is president of Superior Neon Co. Inc.

Jacque Walston, Sanger, Texas, is active with RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Projects) and the Medical Reserve Corps in Denton, Texas.

1970

Penny Wiggins, Heber Springs, Ark., works at Heber Springs Middle School.

1971

Herb Pearce, Arlington, Mass., has written a book entitled *The Complete Idiot's Guide to the Power of the Enneagram.* The star-shaped Enneagram (Ennea is Greek for "nine" and gram for "type") is an amazingly accurate system of understanding personality that groups human motivations and patterns of feeling, thought and body experience into nine personality types.

Stephen Pitters, Spokane, Wash., published a second book of poetry (Gribble Press) entitled *Walks Through the Mind.* He has a weekly radio show that can be heard Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Visit www.kyrs.org (Spokane Open Poetry Program).

Ann Wilhelm Sell, Fort Myers, Fla., is the owner of Meditation First. She has a Master of Science in Counseling from the University of Central Florida. Ann has 30 years of counseling experience and nearly 20 years as a Florida Supreme Court certified family court and dependency court mediator. She has lived in Ft. Myers for 22 years. She is active in her community, a family law mediator, and a licensed mental health counselor in private practice. She is involved in a number of organizations related to family law. Over the years she has had the benefit of being a trainer for the State of Florida in various aspects of mediation and family dynamics. She lost her husband of 30 years to cancer in December 2005. She is an active member of Cypress Lake Methodist Church, vice president of Legal Aid Society of Lee County, and vice president/president-elect of the Association of Family Law Professionals.

1972

Lee Ellen Pappas Benjamin, Atlanta, Texas, works in administration at The Collins Academy.

Edna Hanvey Harrison, Dallas, Texas, is an administrator for Harrison & Hull LLP.

Theresa McConnell, Shreveport, La., attended seminary at Perkins School of Theology at SMU earning a Master of Theology and a Doctorate of Ministry. She later earned a Master of Science in Social Work from UT-Arlington and was trained in family systems at the Southwest Family Institute in Dallas. She worked with Dallas Child Guidance Center for a number of years and has worked in hospice, home health, and private practice. She returned to Shreveport in 1999 and served as associate pastor at Noel Memorial United Methodist Church for five years, senior pastor at Keithville United Methodist for five years, and is now serving Lakeview United Methodist Church. She enjoys photography, tennis, and music. She has served on the boards of the Shreveport-Bossier Mental Health Association and the Samaritan Center.

Pat Jack Morgan, Plano, Texas, works for Re/Max Town & Country. She is a charter member of the Nor'Kirk Presbyterian Church in Carrollton, member of Faith Anglican Church Sunday School for Children's Program, Plano Citizen's Police

Academy Alumnae Group, Highland Park DAR, ZETA Alumnae in Dallas, National Kidney Foundation, Junior League, and a foster parent for United Yorkie Rescue. She has her M.A. in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. She taught kindergarten in Bossier City and in Dallas at Highland Park Presbyterian Day School. She is now a Re/Max realtor as a top producer, has her Accredited Buyer Rep., Graduate Realtor Institute, and Certified Distressed Property Expert designations.

1973

Jeffrey Daiell, Houston, Texas, has been busy campaigning across Texas for the 2010 Libertarian nomination for governor.

Cindy Scott Davis, Houston, Texas, is a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church and sings in the Chancel Choir. Her husband, **Sid '77,** is director of music ministries and fine arts at St. Luke's. She holds a M.Ed. from LSU, has taught in Benton, La., Garland, Texas, and now in Houston. "A bit of fun information," she says, "fourteen years following the death of my father, my mother married Dr. James Hares, the father of LaNetta Hares, my Centenary roommate. So, 'Netta and I became step-sisters. Both parents are now deceased, but it was a fun ride from 1993-2005." She and husband, Sid, have three children. Two have already graduated from Centenary and one just completed her junior year at Centenary.

Karen Anderson Hicks, Savannah, Ga., received her A.S. in Paralegal Studies in 1994 from Sanford Brown Business College in St. Charles, Mo. She previously taught pre-school to GED, and was a paralegal for eight years. Her last job was as a credit counselor for CCCS (a national accredited organization). She has been retired for two years now, and thinks she is the only Centenary grad in Savannah. "Most everyone here is a UGA grad," she says.

Frank McKay, Houston, Texas, earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida and an M.B.A. from Harvard.

1974

Janet Gammill Andrews, Solana Beach, Calif., can be found at linkedin.com/janetandrews or at andrewscs.com.

Linda Fulton, Jackson, Miss., works at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Tom Musselman, Fredericksburg, Texas, was re-elected to his third two-year term on the Fredericksburg, Texas City Council. First elected in May of 2005, he now serves as mayor pro-tem. Tom is in his 15th year of teaching social studies at Fredericksburg High School, where he teaches AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government and Politics, Economics, and Sociology. He has been married to wife, Kelly, for 27 years. Son, Karl-Thomas, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, is a political consultant. More information on Tom can be found at tommusselman.com

Rick Sinclair, Metairie, La., is president of Arcor Epoxy Coatings Inc.

1975

Chris Creamer, Woodinville, Wash., notes, "With apologies to Dr. Lee Morgan (freshman English 1971), I have co-authored a book entitled, *Running on Empty* along with Dr. Marc Cooper." Chris is managing partner for the healthcare consultancy, The Mastery Company, based in Woodinville (30 miles east of Seattle and home to 50 wineries).

Bill Granger, Marion, Ind., is a staff anesthesiologist at Marion Anesthesiology.

Jeff Hendricks, Shreveport, La., is Professor of English and Film Studies at Centenary College. His published books include *Edwin Rolfe: Collected Poems,* co-edited with Cary Nelson, University of Illinois Press, 1993 and *Madrid 1937: Letters of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade from the Spanish Civil War,* also co-edited with Cary Nelson, Routledge, 1996. He is artistic director and Chairman of the Board of Directors at The Robinson Film Center. He earned his Ph.D. in English and American Literature at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1984 and his M.A. in English and American Literature at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1976.

Mike Nichols MBA '92**,** Shreveport, La., is a petroleum geologist.

David Olson, Cortland, Ill., is president of a power equipment company.

James Poole, Shreveport, La., is on staff at LSUHSC-S.

1976

Martin Camp, Richardson, Texas, published a book co-authored with Barbara B. Miller entitled *The Law Firm Association's Guide to Connecting with Your Colleagues.*

Perry Everett, Saint Petersburg, Fla., is in his 25th year as director of Critical Care Medicine at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg and Professor of Pediatrics (Affiliate) at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. He and wife, Lisa, are active in local arts organizations. He serves as the board president for Faith House, a half-way house for those recovering from

Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter Summer Networking Mixer, Victor Tango's, July 29, 2009

Jason Wingert '01 and Lara Moffat '95

Shreveport-Bossier Chapter July Final Friday, Cantina Laredo July 31, 2009

Kim '95 and Drew '92 Meeder

Northwest Arkansas Alumni Gathering, home of Chris '81 and Cathy '83 Rogers Aug. 29, 2009

Host Chris Rogers '81 and his mother, Maude Jeter Rogers '53

Annual Centenary Alumni Night at the Houston Astros, Aug. 21, 2009

Adrian Abreo and Mary Bocchini Abreo '05

Monte Dobson '89, Christine Ludy-Dobson '89 and their daughters Ainsley and Kirsten

3rd Annual New Orleans Chapter Rock 'n Bowl Party, Mid City Lanes Sept. 18, 2009

Rock'n Bowl
WELCOME
CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA

The group poses with a Centenary flag on the stage at Rock 'n Bowl!

Cherie Tregre '02 and Todd Hebert '89

Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter Event Centenary v. SMU Soccer Game SMU's Westcott Field Sept. 30, 2009

Tyler '06 and Katie Carpenter '07 Moore

Jennifer '97 and Stephen '98 Hill and their sons Cavett and Kendrick

alcohol and drug addition. Eldest son, Matt, a recent graduate of NYU, worked in politics in New York prior to attending law school and plays rhythm guitar in 22Leroy (www.22Leroy.com), a local band in New York City. Middle son, Will, is a junior majoring in sculpture at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, R.I. Youngest son, Ian, is a freshman majoring in illustration and computer animation at the Ringling College of Art in Sarasota, Fla. Perry and Lisa celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

Jay Reynolds, Vivian, La., is "still kicking, albeit somewhat more calmly!" He owns an oil company and is an inventor in the oilfield technologies field with his first licensed invention being brought to market by a $12 billion-dollar-a-year company. He lives on Caddo Lake with his son, rides motorcyles, and tours the country in support of the technologies he invents. Jay welcomes old and new acquaintances!

1977

Mary Helen Brown, Auburn, Ala., has been elected to the Academy of Teaching and Outstanding Teachers at Auburn University. The Academy, the highest teaching award in the College of Liberal Arts, recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions of lasting impact to the undergraduate teaching mission of the College of Liberal Arts and Auburn University. Membership in the Academy is lifetime.

Mike Nichols, Shreveport, La., received his MBA in 1992 from Centenary and is a petroleum geologist.

Mary Lou Ross, Houston, Texas, is project procurement coordinator for the Chevron Corporation.

1978

Ken Bowdon, Farmers Branch, Texas, is CEO and owner of Horizontal Solutions International.

Christy Jones, Opelousas, La., received a Certification in Elementary Education from McNeese State University after graduating from Centenary.

Donna Hendryx Kuzmitz, Melbourne, Ark., is an account representative for Procter and Gamble.

Jack O'Dell, Ponchatoula, La., is a church planter for The Well United Methodist Church.

Thomas Serio, Shreveport, La., is creative director for Praeses LLC.

Madie Vilbig-King, Dallas, Texas, is the single mother of a 15 year-old boy. They live with, and take care of, her 84 year-old mother. She has rental property in Dallas and a retail store in Canton, Texas. She loves to travel, entertain, and volunteer and raise funds for various organizations. Most of the fundraising she does is in Canton for local chapters of Susan Komen Breast Center, C.L.A.W.S., Van Zandt County Veterans Memorial, C.A.S.A., Colon Cancer Research, and the American Heart Association. She also sponsors a Casino Night for the "Great Gluten Escape Camp" in Gilmore, Texas—a camp for kids with celiac disease and/or gluten sensitivity. Madie is a registered nurse with multiple areas of specialization including HIV, AIDS, hospice, ventilator, pulmonary, gastrointestinal, colorectal, pediatric, vascular surgey and kidney transplantation, with heavy emphasis on home care and private duty.

1979

Sharon Tuttle Dickert, Pinetta, Fla., is a 6th grade teacher.

Woodrow Fields, Austin, Texas, is retired.

Jay Frazier, Sapulpa, Okla., attended the University of Tulsa College of Law from 2002 to 2004, and is now an attorney for Frazier Legal Center.

Virginia Garrard-Burnett, Austin, Texas, received her M.A. from Tulane University in 1980 and her Ph.D. from Tulane University in 1986.

Bob Peacock, Libertyville, Ill., and his family are very active in Special Olympics (his oldest son has Down's Syndrome). He is a senior consultant for Hewitt Associates Communication practice, where he partners with clients to create and execute high impact communications strategies. He draws from more than 30 years of professional communications experience, ranging from award-winning commercial radio and television, to managing communications at Miller Brewing Company.

Marshall Taylor, New York, N.Y., is a self-employed art/creative director. He sings in the Empire Men's Chorus at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, and is on the advisory board of the Marketing and Communications Department of the Fashion Institute of Technology. He received his M.A. in Advertising at the University of Texas in Austin.

1980

Pete DeBuys, Smyrna, Ga., is a partner at McCormick & Associates LLC.

Beaver Fuller, Converse, Texas, is working as a defense contractor on the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP)

Ambulance program for the Joint Requirements Office of the Department of Defense as a senior MRAP ambulance project officer. He retired from the U.S. Army after 23 years with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He holds a Master of Arts degree in Procurement and Acquisition Management from Webester University, is a certified U.S. Army Medical Department Acquisition Management Specialist, and a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He enjoys volunteer work at his youngest daughter's school.

1981

Karen Koelemay Boston, Murfreesboro, Tenn., is director of a pre-school.

Marty Fulmer Ducote, Baton Rouge, La., is the owner of Marty Ducote, The Computer Coach LLC. She is a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church (along with fellow alum **Lenora Sullivan '91**) and works at Woman's Hospital NICU on the Parent Advisory Council. She is a self-employed computer trainer specializing in one-on-one training for small businesses and non-profits, and is the mother of a teenager who's "old enough to be in all sorts of activities but not old enough to drive herself to them."

Sandy Gillespie Landry, Cookeville, Tenn., has a B.A. in Chemistry, an M.B.A., and a M.A. in Curriculum & Instruction.

Harold Phipps, Texarkana, Ark., is a social worker for Gideons International in jail ministry and serves as a mentor.

Mike Woolbert, Shreveport, La., is a dentist and current president of the Centenary National Alumni Association.

1982

Brian Ingalls, Chattanooga, Tenn., earned his M.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine after graduating from Centenary. He is an emergency physician for emergency medical associates in Chattanooga.

Kirk Labor, Southlake, Texas, recently completed a humanitarian trip to Kurdistan, Northern Iraq in conjunction with the International College of Surgeons and Operation Hope where he donated medical equipment and surgical supplies, performed cataract surgery, and spent time teaching Kurdish ophthalmologists and ophthalmology residents. This was the first visit to the area by a western ophthalmologist in more than 15 years, and a first-ever visit to the area by an American ophthalmologist. He's currently finishing construction on a new 15,000 sq. ft. ambulatory surgery center and clinic in the Southlake, Grapevine area of the DFW metroplex.

Billy Rieser, Erie, Colo., wrote a book entitled *They Called Me White Jesus: I was a Legend but Now I'm Something More,* that went on sale May 2009. He also serves as director of recovery ministries for Heartland Community Church in Illinois.

1983

Sally Ivey Gardner, Shreveport, La., is a member and officer of the Shreveport Symphony Guild and is active with the Shreveport Opera Guild, Woman's Department Club of Shreveport, Alpha Delta Kappa, Alpha Eta Chapter, Krewe of Justinian, the Arc of Caddo-Bossier, Shreveport Little Theatre Guild, Wideman Piano Competition, and Advocate for Persons with Disabilities. She received her B.A. in Education from St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans, La.

John Harper, Cheneyville, La., earned his M.F.A. in Theatre at Virginia Tech and an M.M. in Opera Directing from Florida State University.

Steve Kolstad, Cypress, Calif., is a purchasing manager at Paramount Fitness Corp.

Bess Robinson, Memphis, Tenn., works at the University of Memphis where she is head of instructional services in their library.

1984

J. J. Jordan Cowan, Round Rock, Texas, has a master's in Education and has taught for several years. She resides in Texas with husband, Ken; son, Cody; and daughter, Katie.

Scott Green, Shreveport, La., is executive manager of The Oaks of Louisiana.

David Pynes, The Colony, Texas, is vice president and team manager, systems engineer for Bank of America.

Sherri Penn Smith, De Berry, Texas, is excited to report that daughter Alexandra has completed her first year at Centenary!

John Trigg, San Antonio, Texas, is an environmental and safety manager at Acme Holdings Inc.

Richard Wallace, Phoenix, Ariz., relocated from Massachusetts to Phoenix and notes that he "absolutely loves it!" He is social development director for Phoenix Job Corps Center working with 450 at risk youth and young adults. He has worked with the job corps program for 20 years.

1985

Patricia Turney Beth, Texarkana, Texas, and husband, Mike, have been married since June 1986 and have "two handsome sons that are the light of their lives."

Annual Centenary Tailgate at LSU vs. ULL Tiger Stadium – Baton Rouge, La. Sept. 19, 2009

(L-R) Robert Savage '04, Jared Williams '05, Alina Williams, Katie McKay Simpson '04 and Martha Stuckey ' 91

Faculty-Alumni Dinner with Dr. Jeff Hendricks '75, hosted by Danny and Judy '69 Roemer, Oct. 13, 2009

Topic: The Centenary Film Society and Our Partnership with The Robinson Film Center

Megan Conway '75 and Centenary Professor Dr. Jeff Hendricks '75

Shreveport-Bossier Chapter Family Picnic, Crumley Gardens on the Centenary Campus, Oct. 17, 2009

Future Gent Logan Meeder (son of Kim '95 and Drew '92 Meeder) & future Lady Laura Pizarro (daughter of Erin '95 and Pedro '94 Pizarro) pose for a photo with Skeeter!

Skeeter enjoys an old-fashioned picnic with alumni guests and their children!

Shreveport-Bossier Chapter Halloween Final Friday, Stray Cat Oct. 30, 2009

Calvin Head '74 & Megan Conway '75

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Pedro '94 and Erin '95 Pizarro. Erin served as the 09-10 Shreveport-Bossier Chapter President.

Rhapsody In View Alumni & Friends Reception, Riverview Hall, Oct. 31, 2009

Cynthia Lewis '75 and Trustee Dr. Nancy Carruth H'82

Missy Wise '09 and Trae Milam '08

Senior Geology Dinner, hosted by Kevin '81 and Claudia '84 Byram, Nov. 8, 2009

Host Claudia Byram '84 enjoys dinner conversation with geology department chair, Dr. David Bieler and three graduating geology seniors at her home.

Braden is 17 and Thomas is 10. She has been employed with Pleasant Grove ISD in Texarkana since 1988, and begins a new position in the fall as a district technologist. She is active in Junior League of Texarkana, American Red Cross, First Baptist Church, Student Council co-sponsor at Pleasant Grove Middle School, and Make a Difference Day. She received her B.S. in Education from East Texas State University 1988.

Lee Fowler Brady, Spring, Texas, received her M.A. in Special Education from Louisiana Tech. She is an active member of Champion Forest Baptist Church, the Centenary Houston Alumni Chapter, and an Astros Fan! She has been a teacher in Louisiana and Texas working as a tutor, music teacher and substitute teacher. After 11 years of teaching, she married and moved to the Houston area. She now spends her time teaching children's choir, playing piano for parties and events, tutoring, substitute teaching, and going to Astros games.

Carolyn Benham Buckhout, Grand Prairie, Texas, started post-graduate classes after leaving Centenary with the desire to become a physical therapist, but notes, "God had other plans for me." She moved to Grand Prairie after marrying husband, Daniel. They have two boys, Matthew and Jonathan, and are active in their church, St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Arlington. She worked for years as an aquatic specialist in aquatic cardiac rehab, orthopedic aquatic rehab, and aquatic fitness. After her sons were born, she stayed home with them while teaching aquatic exercise part-time and volunteering. She hopes to someday earn a master's degree. Carolyn has served more than 10 years at her church as the HandBell Choir director and serves in various capacities with Vacation Bible School, writing the curriculum for the past three years. She is active in Stephen's Ministry, and does a lot of committee work. She says, "It has been a pleasure volunteering for my sons' elementary and junior high schools."

Betsy Camp, Albuquerque, N.M., is associate general counsel at the University of New Mexico.

Elizabeth Simison Haas, Wilmer, Ala., is a secretary for Wilmer United Methodist Church. She has been married for 19 years and has two daughters. She lives on a small farm with her family and raises registered pygmy goats. Visit their website at polkadotpygmygoat.tripod.com.

Laurie Sanford, Boynton Beach, Fla., is a teacher.

Scott Yudin, Kemp, Texas, is a sales manager for Grove Staffing.

Jami Zimmerman, Blue Springs, Mo., specializes in picture framing at Ward & Ward Custom Picture Framing.

1986

Laura Dunn, Beaumont, Texas, is an ISO coordinator for ExxonMobil Chemical.

1987

John Aufdengarten, Winfield, Ill., is an associate for Managed Transitions Leadership Changing Healthcare.

1988

Frank Carroll, Shreveport, La., is senior partner at Mayer, Smith & Roberts LLP.

Sterling Chandler, Los Angeles, Calif., attended Tulane Law School receiving his J.D. in 1991, and Louisiana Tech University receiving his B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1998.

Susan Steelman Davis, Shreveport, La., holds a B.A. in both English and Latin, and is a Latin teacher at St. Mark's Cathedral School.

Evans Dietz, North Little Rock, Ark., is self-employed.

Lisa Jenson McGill, Plano, Texas, is an office manager at Hendrick Middle School in the Plano Independent School District. She serves on the National Charity League–Golden Corridor Chapter, Backstage Booster Club for The Dance Movement, North Texas Soccer Association, Plano Youth Soccer Association, and Texas Longhorns Soccer Club.

Tom Ufert, Dallas, Texas, notes, "As some may know I suffered a serious car accident in 1992 and am permanently disabled. However, that never stopped me—just slowed me down. Now my time is spent volunteering for my community and charities with fundraising. I hope to soon complete an inspirational book entitled *ABC-A Second Chance.*" He was a Rotary International Graduate Fellow–Australian National University–Canberra, ACT, Australia.

Jan VandenBerg, The Netherlands, received his M.D. at University of Leiden, the Netherlands, and a Ph.D. from the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. He was an exchange student and KA at Centenary from 1983-1984, and says Centenary was a "great time!" He works at Isala Klinieken.

Kelly White, Topanga, Calif., is a marriage and family therapist and author.

1989

Mike Matthews, Texarkana, Texas, is an assistant criminal district attorney in Polk County, Texas.

James McCain, Shreveport, La., is a retired Caddo Parish school teacher. He is certified to teach social studies (grades 6-12) and the learning disabled. He was a substitute teacher for three years, taught special education students for 27 years, and was a counselor at Shreveport Mental Health Center for two years. He enjoys photography, biographies, social commentary, history, and science fiction. James, his wife, and sister-in-law all enjoy geocaching. "I have a highly customized Jeep Wrangler that I take rock crawling in Hot Springs, Arkansas", he says.

Wybra "Peanut" Price, Slidell, La., earned a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology at SMU and is now senior pastor at a United Methodist Church in Slidell.

1990

Alan Berry, Shreveport, La., is technical director at Marjorie Lyons Playhouse at Centenary.

Chris Carstens, New Orleans, La., works in gulf coast sales for Hurri-Bolt Inc. and would love to hear from you.

Gay Grosz, Shreveport, La., received her Doctoral of Musical Arts degree in May 2009 from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She was appointed collaborative-artist-in-residence at Centenary's Hurley School of Music in fall 2008.

Karen Lunsford, Santa Barbara, Calif., is a tenured Associate Professor of Writing at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Bernie Malone, Little Rock, Ark., recently received a U.S. patent for his "emergency mode operation in a wireless communication network."

Melissa Mixon, Bryan, Texas, has been a Big Brother – Big Sister Volunteer since 2007.

Jack Parker, Shreveport, La., is a GSM, district trainer for Home Depot. He is a member and worship leader for Brookwood Baptist Church and serves as a lifegroup leader for Lighthouse Missions. He and wife, Susan, have been married for 10 years. Jack is owner of Parker Brothers Farm.

1991

Buck Buckwalter, Mansfield, Texas, recently moved to Dallas and is Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Education and Health Professions at the University of Texas at Arlington. In his free time he coaches youth sports.

David Hesser, Alexandria, La., was honored by being selected to Louisiana Super Lawyers 2010. Super Lawyers is an organization which evaluates and lists the top five percent of lawyers in Louisiana and publishes a magazine with their information.

Robert Lozano, Houston, Texas, is self-employed as the owner of Golf Cart Sales and Rentals.

Tricia Matthew, Brooklyn, N.Y., moved to Brooklyn last summer. She is an English professor at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair, New Jersey.

Lenora Sullivan, Baton Rouge, La., works for Rubicon LLC.

1992

Mark Gragg, Fort Worth, Texas, is the director of recruiting for the Greenman Alliance. He brings more than 12 years of experience in the executive search business to the Greenman Alliance, with the majority of his career spent in private equity (building talent and human capital strategy for portfolio holdings as well as creating and growing his own human capital companies). Mark is a recognized commentator on green employment issues and trends, appearing on national network television. He contributes opinion pieces and is often quoted by many print and online media outlets. Additionally, Mark is a career coach, specifically focused on helping people build a sustainable career in the new job economy.

Christy Graham-Martin, North Little Rock, Ark., is an information associate at Baptist Health in North Little Rock.

Jaime Blevins Hensley, Lufkin, Texas, has been appointed to the Texas Real Estate Commission.

Karen Townsend Murphree, Statesboro, Ga., and husband, Keith, welcomed their son, Benjamin Lamon Murphree, Jan. 27, 2009. His adoption became final July 15, 2009, and they are thrilled to have him as part of their family!

Rob Rooney, Spring Branch, Texas, is vice president of Sales at Highland Capital Brokerage.

1993

Brandon Beach, Alpharetta, Ga., was unanimously re-elected to a full five-year term last April by Georgia legislators from the state's Sixth Congressional District. He serves as the president and chief executive officer of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce and was first elected to the post in July 2008.

Faculty-Alumni Dinner with Dr. Dana Kress, home of Angie White '93 Nov. 12, 2009

Topic: Louisiana's Creoles of Color: Writing Home

(L-R) Liz Downes '08, host Angie White '93, Pedro Pizarro '94, and Chat Reed '64

Shreveport-Bossier Chapter Holiday Reception following The Annual Christmas Candlelight Service, home of Neil and Cindy Gleason '81 Johnson, Dec. 4, 2009

Nathan Hamaker '07 and Lizzie Staton '07 (who became engaged this night after the candlelight service on Centenary's campus!)

Margaret Bray '66 and Mitzi Perry '55

Austin Chapter Holiday Reception, home of Brown '71 and Nancy '70 Word Dec. 5, 2009

Austin Chapter President Lisa Bounds '05 and Director of Alumni Relations Carla E. Alsandor MBA '04

Abram '06 and Jessica Long '06 Darnutzer

New Orleans Chapter Holiday Reception, home of Trip '82 and Lisa Ludwig Dec. 9, 2009

President David Rowe visits with parents of current student Shelby Singleton

Young alumni Naana Frezel '08 and Rebekah Perkins '08 (second and third from left) visit with prospective students

Baton Rouge Chapter Holiday Reception, home of Gray '64 and Suzanne Sexton Dec. 10, 2009

(L-R) Chapter President Beth Bonner DeVille '99, Ginger Sawyer '68, Trustee Rev. Chris Andrews, and Senior Director of Donor Relations David Henington '82

3rd Annual GOLD Alumni Tacky Christmas Sweater Party, Ivan's Pub, Dec. 11, 2009

GOLD Alumni Chair David McCormick '01 and 2010 Class Agent Michael Jarboe '10

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Chris Chappa, Hawkins, Texas, received his M.S. in Math in 1998 from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He spent five years teaching in Dallas public schools, more than eight years at Tyler Junior College, and two years (adjunct) at UTT.

Jason Jouett, Fayetteville, Ark., received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 2008 and is owner of Jouett Law Firm.

Emily Freeman Penfield, Birmingham, Ala., is associate pastor at Highlands United Methodist Church in Birmingham. She received her M.Div. from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1996.

Kim Vargas, Vista, Calif., is human resources manager at Modern Postcard.

Chelsea Fine Watkinson, Atlanta, Ga., works in the real estate business.

Craig Wondrasch, Newburyport, Mass., attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. from 1979-1984. He then worked for Monsanto in St. Louis, Mo., from 1984-1985, Contel Federal Systems, Westlake Village, Calif., from 1985-1990, AT&T, Shreveport, La., from 1990-1993, AT&T, Richmond, Va., from 1993-1996, and Lucent Technologies, North Andover, Mass., from 1996-2006. He has been with Alcatel-Lucent since 2006.

1994

Amy Smith Doar, Allen, Texas, is a LPC-I for Allen Counseling Associates.

Meg Lowry Mitchell, Mandeville, La., is the Children & Families Christian Formation Minister at St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Dean Norwood, Dallas, Texas, is still in O.R. sales employed by Covidien. When he is not training for marathons or writing poetry, he spends time mastering his new craft—spelunking.

Holly Rice Sexton, Austin, Texas, is a research associate at the University of Texas.

1995

Anne-Marie Bruner, Swardeston, Norwich, is a Senior International Officer (U.S.A.) at the University of East Anglia. She received an M.A. in Applied Linguistics from Cardiff University in 2007.

Khanh Hoang, Keller, Texas, received her degree in pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy June 6, 2009, and accepted a position as a staff pharmacist with CVS in Keller.

Heidi Zimmerman Lindsay, Denver, Pa., married Scott Lindsay in 2008. He is completing his fellowship in reconstructive and plastic surgery in Ohio. She is working at Executive Health Resources (EHR) as a RN letter coordinator. They had their first baby, Alexa, on Feb. 25, 2009.

1996

Carrie Phillips Cade, Needville, Texas, is a senior claim service adjuster for Allstate Insurance.

Lara Gill, Jackson, Miss., has been named Deputy City Attorney II for the City of Jackson after leaving private law practice after nearly nine years. She is a member of the Litigation Division for the Office of the City Attorney in Jackson. More recently, Lara was featured by local Jackson television and news media for her efforts on behalf of the Office of the City Attorney and the City of Jackson in closing down a local Jackson area night club as a nuisance.

John Groves, Springfield, Mo., is an application analyst for Jack Henry & Associates.

Eric Horras, Little Rock, Ark., is a pharmacist for Baptist Health.

Wendy Lacy, Rockwall, Texas, is vice president for JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. in Dallas, Texas.

Poppy Moon, Tuscaloosa, Ala., has a new game *Snoots Toots! A Kid's Game of Empathy and Manners* (a card game for kids that focuses on fostering good friendship skills) and a new book *Operation Breaking the Boy Code* that was released last Spring. She has signed a contract with Youthlight Books to illustrate a series of children's books about the amazing adventures of Kicky, a spunky chick.

Renee Sneed, Dallas, Texas, is vice president for Corgan Associates Inc. working in human resources.

Sharon Tallach Vogelpohl, Little Rock, Ark., was named president of Mangan Holcomb Partners.

1997

Elizabeth Means Culp, Fort Drum, N.Y., received her M.Ed. with Certification in Autism Intervention from University of North Texas. Her husband is active duty in the Army and their family recently moved to Fort Drum, located near Watertown, N.Y. (approx. 30 miles from Canada).

Luke Edmonson, Plano, Texas, and his father (and fellow photographer) were featured in an article in *RangeFinder* magazine's recent Fine Arts issue. He has been asked to be a contributor for LiveBooks.com's Blog "Resolve." He mentioned some points about the role Centenary played in his professional development in his biography which can be viewed at blog.livebooks.com/contributors/luke-edmonson.

Candice Endicott Gibson, Bossier City, La., is an English instructor and savoir faire advisor at Bossier Parish Community College.

Jennifer Dent Hill, Allen, Texas, and family moved to Allen where her husband, **Stephen '99,** bought a dental practice—Hill Dental Studio in downtown Allen.

Emily Robinson Hobson, Shreveport, La., is a pediatrician.

Paige Emery Horras, Little Rock, Ark., works as a photographer.

Joel Jowers, Washington, D.C., is a surveillance officer for the United States Marine Corps – member of The Joint Staff, Op. Team 4.

Keegan McConnell, Flower Mound, Texas, is a physical therapist.

1998

Ramona Frazier-Brown, Westerville, Ohio, graduated from Texas Southern University-Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2001 and was licensed in November 2001. She delivered twin boys November 2, 2006 and is now practicing law in San Antonio, Texas at Wayne Wright Lawyers LLP. She is also licensed to practice law in Ohio.

Justin Hayes, Bonanza, Ark., graduated from the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine as a Certified Flight Surgeon. He is a major in the Arkansas National Guard and continues to practice as an internal medicine physician. He and wife, Jessica, are enjoying country living in rural Arkansas with 4-year-old daughter, Julia.

Monique Cousins Hoffmeister, New Orleans, La., was featured as one of *Treasury & Risk's* 2009 picks of America's Outstanding Financial Executives under the age of 40.

1999

Catherine Green Allen, Shreveport, La., is busy raising three children, helping with school activities, and is the Book Bazaar volunteer coordinator for the Centenary Muses.

Amy Brown, Lafayette, La., moved back to Louisiana after accepting an assistant professor position in the Psychology Department at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette after nine years of living in Ohio and New York state.

Elizabeth Lagersen Farrell, Shreveport, La., and husband, **Chris '00,** welcomed daughter, Sarah Grace, April 29, 2009. She joins big sister, Madeline, age five. Chris graduated from the Executive M.B.A. program at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Chicago May 2010.

Meg Green, Baton Rouge, La., is an executive producer for WAFB 9 News.

Micah Strange, Shreveport, La., is an asset manager of Centerpointe Regional Housing Development.

Jeff Tietjen, Shreveport, La., is a petroleum landman.

2000

Shelley Schneider Armstrong, Shreveport, La., was awarded the Taylor Dodson Young Professional award at the Louisiana Association for Health, P.E., Recreation, and Dance's (LAHPERD) annual state convention in Baton Rouge. By receiving the award, she is now nominated for the American Alliance's (AAHPERD) Southern District Young Professional Award. She and husband, Brad, had their first child, Tilley Nicole, this summer.

Rachel Demascal-Sellers, Shreveport, La., received her M.S. in Resource Interpretation from Stephen F. Austin State University in May 2009. She is an active member of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church, Shreveport Bird Study Group, and a volunteer for Red River Refuge Alliance. Rachel is also a park naturalist at Walter B. Jacobs Memorial Nature Park.

Stan Minter, Mount Vernon, Texas, is Energy Production Superintendent at SWEPCO's Welsh Power Plant near Pittsburg.

Jeanne Phizacklea, Baltimore, Md., is Director of Library & Information Services at Friends School of Baltimore.

Beth Stubblefield, Denver, Colo., defended her doctoral thesis November 2008. She is working on a post-doctoral at University of Colorado Denver in neuroscience, pediatrics, pharmacology and using neurophysiological techniques in researching learning and memory mechanisms in the immature brain.

Jackie Eiswirth Tisdell, Prairieville, La., is assistant vice president of communications for the University of Louisiana System. She received a M.A. in Communications from Louisiana State University in 2003.

Angie Watkins, Shreveport, La., is a high school teacher.

2001

Chris Brown, Shreveport, La., is the archivist for Centenary. His article "Swingin' On The 'Nue With Ike McKinney: An African American Dance Promoter in Shreveport, Louisiana, 1929-1939" was published in the 2009 issue of *The Jazz Archivist.*

Jeff Everson, Shreveport, La., is the Compressed Natural Gas Projects Director

Atlanta Chapter Holiday Reception, home of Pete '80 and Barbara '83 DeBuys Dec. 12, 2009

(L-R) Host Barbara DeBuys '83, Chelsea Fine Watkinson '93 and Chapter President Susanna Miller '03

(L-R) Brian Ingalls '82, host Pete DeBuys '80 and Dave Spencer

Houston Chapter Holiday Reception Home of Mike '63 and Carolyn '65 Mann Dec. 13, 2009

(L-R) President David Rowe, First Lady Jodi Rowe and hosts Carolyn and Mike Mann

Mel and Thecia Scott, parents of current student Joshua Scott '13

Central Arkansas Chapter Holiday Reception, home of Jim and Elise '71 Argue, Jan. 14, 2010

(L-R) Host Elise Argue '71, Emily Argue Stotts '06 and Lauren Frost McElroy '06

Pre-Game Homecoming Gathering Pie Works, Jan. 28, 2010

Director of Community and Intercultural Engagement Chris Lavan '06 and pre-game sponsor Mike Woolbert '81

Annual TKE Actives vs. Alumni Football Game, Jones Rice Field, Jan. 30, 2010

TKE alumni and actives endure the winter elements for their annual homecoming football game

2010 Homecoming Parade, Jan. 30, 2010

(L-R) Sam "Tigger" Denison '00, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Saige Wilhite '05, and Mary Bocchini Abreo '05 ride the Alumni Association float in the SNOW!

Class of 2000 10th Reunion Ristorante Giuseppe's, Jan. 30, 2010

(L-R) Jackie Tisdell '00, Shelley Schneider Armstrong '00, '03 and Ann Haggard '00

Class of 1960 50th Reunion The University Club, Jan. 30, 2010

(L-R) Mary Lou Hughes '60, Charles Boone '60 and Ralph Hughes

for Ballengee Interests where he will be guiding the company in CNG investments. Jeff spent the last six years as regional director for U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu. Jeff married Andrea Master in May 2009. He is chairman of the Young Professionals Initiative of the Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce for 2010.

Grace Long, Astoria, N.Y., is singing with the Arizona Opera this year.

William McDearmont, Shreveport, La., is the news tech director and works in Satellite Communications for KTBS Inc.

Landon Ogilvie, Longview, Texas, is a partner with Gans & Smith Insurance Agency.

Rob Rubel, Grayslake, Ill., is a sales and project manager for United States Fire Protection.

Dawson Taylor, Dallas, Texas, is associate pastor at Cathedral of Hope.

Stephanie Woods, Houston, Texas, earned her Master of Library and Information Science in 2008 from the University of Washington in Seattle.

2002

Adam Blancher, Shreveport, La., is working on his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Louisiana Tech University. He plans to graduate in Summer 2011. He is active at Noel United Methodist Church.

Erin Bryan Eklund, Charlotte, N.C., has an M.A. in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from UNC Charlotte and is an HRIS manager with LendingTree LLC. She and husband, John, have made Charlotte their home, have a beautiful little girl, Anna, and two miniature schnauzers.

Stacy Shelton Fuller, Fort Worth, Texas, is head of education at Amon Carter Museum and was named 2009 Outstanding Museum Division Art Educator by the Texas Art Education Association.

William Hamilton, Westminster, Md., is a financial advisor for Waddell & Reed.

Chris Jackson, Goshen, N.Y., is an area sales manager at Toyota Financial Services.

Jeanne Rasbery, Lexington, Ky., is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Kentucky. She received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Rice University in April 2007.

Lee Reynolds, Fort Worth, Texas, is in specification sales for Clampitt Paper.

Heather Rose Sharp, Tracyton, Wash., received the 2009 Excellence in Nursing Award in the small hospital category from the Good Samaritan Foundation of Texas. She was selected from among more than 100 nurses from Houston-area hospitals by a committee of respected nurses, business, and medical leaders and honored at the 5th Annual Excellence in Nursing Awards Luncheon September 2009.

Lesley Thull, Grantville, Ga., graduated from Mizzou in 2008 from the accelerated nursing program with a B.S.N. She is working at West Georgia Medical Center as an R.N.

2003

Katie Cooper, New York, N.Y., is a senior copywriter at CDMi Connect.

Bryan Scanlon, Little Rock, Ark., is vice president of Stevens Inc.

Randi Smith, Knoxville, Tenn., graduated from the University of Florida with her Doctorate in English, May 2009, having successfully defended her dissertation "'One Body and One Spirit': The Communal Impulse in the Work of Francis Quarles and His Contemporaries." She is currently teaching part-time for the University Writing Program at the University of Florida.

Melanie Rawle St. Cyr, Slidell, La., is choir director at Slidell High School.

Maria Moores Watts, Evanston, Ill., was accepted to Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. According to Kellogg's database, she is the second Centenary student in Kellogg's 100 year history to be accepted to the program. Kellogg consistently ranks in the top three M.B.A. programs in the country and accepts less than 20 percent of its annual applicants. She continues to work full-time while pursuing her degree with majors in finance, management & strategy, and marketing.

2004

Kathryn Thompson Applegate, San Diego, Calif., is program director for BioLogos Foundation and earned her Ph.D. from The Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

Monica Ford Ardoin, Keithville, La., is a teacher at Forest Hill Elementary.

Lindsey Garner Aucoin, Houston, Texas, married **Paul Aucoin '03**. They moved to Houston where she works as a pediatric physical therapist while Paul completes residency in anesthesiology. They welcomed their first child in February.

Patrick Culver, Fayetteville, Ark., completed his first year as a law student at the University of Arkansas.

Adam Dufour, London, England, is living in London on secondment as part of Ernst & Young's Global Exchange Program. He continues to focus on the airline industry, and while in London he is primarily serving British Airways Plc. He looks forward to hearing from any of his classmates who happen to be making a visit to the U.K.

Kristin Ballard Holland, Rogers, Ark., celebrated her one-year anniversary at Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Nov. She is assisting with the focus groups for the museum store and taking over the project management duties on the move-in schedule for the museum.

Kristin Cochran Hunsicker, Shreveport, La., is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration.

Victoria Kintner, Greensboro, N.C., is a fifth year graduate student (Ph.D.) in Human Development and Family Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is also working as a research assistant and chair of the Faculty Student Liaison Committee.

Katie McKay Simpson, Prairieville, La., is Minister of Evangelism and Discipleship at First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

Susanna Miller, Zirconia, N.C., is summer camp program manager for Talisman Programs Zirconia, N.C. She runs a summer camp for children with ADD, ADHD and Asperger's Syndrome, High Functioning Autism, and is involved with Friends of L'Arche in Atlanta. She looks forward to getting involved in the Asheville community this fall.

Roxanne Parker, Shreveport, La., is a bankruptcy clerk for the United States Bankruptcy Court.

Melissa Guillory Weaver, New Orleans, La., and husband, Matt, welcomed their first child, Paxton Thomas Weaver, June 2009. Melissa works at Ochsner Health System and teaches advanced ballet and beginning, intermediate pointe at a local dance studio. Matt signed on with a new law firm in Aug. 2009.

2005

Natalie Schoppe Adkison, Aurora, Colo., is a 4th grade teacher.

Lindsey Bellamy, Dallas, Texas, teaches kindergarten at an elementary school in North Dallas and finished her certification in Dec. 2009. She is a group leader for Northwest Bible Church Children's Ministry.

Jay Binderim, Bossier City, La., is a commercial loan officer at Ouachita Independent Bank.

Steven Deas, Ocean Springs, Miss., is a physician at Keesler Air Force Base Internal Medicine Residency.

Katherine Fullbright, Shreveport, La., is an elementary music teacher.

Brian Grone, Mesa, Ariz., is director of marketing and business development for Adaptive Health Billing Services Inc.

Gregg Hemphill, Shreveport, La., works for Casco Industries.

Kelsey Bellamy Johnson, College Station, Texas, won a 2010 Bravo Brazos award in the category of Publications Design for her annual report entry. Judging was based on how well the project was conceived, created and executed for its intended audiences as well as overall design aesthetics. Kelsey has been working as communications specialist for the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M University for nearly four years and also manages a freelance business, KJ Designs.

Kimberly Magnuson, Seattle, Wash., works at Antioch University Seattle in the counseling and psychology clinic. She is finishing her master's in Clinical Psychology—with a concentration in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Laurie Stevison, Durham, N.C., is a graduate student in the biology department at Duke University. She received her M.A. from the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Rice University. She is active with Girl Scouts of America.

Lauren Thrift, North Little Rock, Ark., began graduate school in Jan. at SIT Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vt., where she is studying conflict resolution with at-risk youth using music and the arts.

Jared Williams, Baton Rouge, La., graduated from SMU's Perkins School of Theology with a Master of Divinity May 2009. He is associate pastor of University United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

2006

Cris Bregman, San Antonio, Texas, serves as the cookbook chair and recently published a new cookbook, *Crescent City Moons, Dishes and Spoons for the growing Chef,* with the Junior League of New Orleans: www.jlno.org.

Benjamin Bumgardner, Metairie, La., is at LSUHSC School of Dentistry and graduates in 2010.

Billie Cook, Bossier City, La., is a paramedic.

Class of 1985 25th Reunion Robinson Film Center, Jan. 30, 2010

(L-R) Rick LaBorde '85, Content Cortese '85, Francis Livesay '83 and Donna Walker '85/'91

Class of 1980 and Surrounding 30th Reunion, Bistro Byronz, Jan. 30, 2010

Members of the Class of 1980 and surrounding class years pose for a funny shot during their cluster reunion

Class of 1970 40th Reunion Superior's Steakhouse, Jan. 30, 2010

(L-R) Nancy Word '70, Donna Curtis '69 and Peggy Monsted '70

D.C. Chapter Gumbo Mambo Home of Tom Head '64, Feb. 20, 2010

Classmates Larry Cowley '64, Chat Reed '64 and host Tom Head '64

Faculty-Alumni Dinner with Art Professor Bruce Allen '75, held at his home March 10, 2010

Topic: Southeast Asia Revisited

Scott Green '84 and Robert Smith

Host and lecturer Bruce Allen '75 poses by the traditional Asian Cuisine prepared for the evening

Faculty-Alumni Lunch with Drs. Meg Webber and Robert Prickett, hosted by Margaret Bray '66, March 29, 2010

Topic: Centenary's commitment to education both inside and out of the classroom

(L-R) Helen "Tootie" Forte '60, Patty Lindsey '60, Louise Benoit '66, Cindy Gleason-Johnson '81, hostess Margaret Bray '66, Mitzi Perry '55, June Miller '66, and Janet McDermott '65

Faculty-Alumni Dinner with Dr. David Havird, hosted by Erin '95 and Pedro '94 Pizarro, April 20, 2010

Topic: Trekking in Verse with Centenary: Poems from Dr. Havird's award-winning chapbook, Penelope's Design

(L-R) Antonio Pizarro '93, Kimberly Pizarro '98, Gaela Youngblood '96 and Jeff Lawley

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Debbie Elsen, Ocean Springs, Miss., is a LMSW, PCMHT for Singing River Services.

Jared Frank, New Orleans, La., is director of finance and operations at Miller McCoy Academy.

Amy Harrell, Tyler, Texas, is an admissions counselor at The University of Texas at Tyler. She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Tyler Alumni Chapter, the Tyler Bike Club, the Tyler Literacy Council, TACAC (Texas Association of College Admissions Counseling), and NACAC (National Association of College Admissions Counseling).

Sara Hebert, Shreveport, La., joined the marketing communications firm of Williams Creative Group as an account executive specializing in digital media. Her primary responsibilities include website design and development, content management systems, social media consulting, Flash animation, and monitoring technology and communication trends.

Adam Howes, Calgary, AB, is a second-year medical student at the University of Calgary in Canada.

Ashlie Junot Hilbun, Fayetteville, Ark., is assistant director of Annual Programs at University of Arkansas.

Megan LeBato, Shreveport, La., graduated Order of the Coif and Magna Cum Laude from the Paul M. Hebert Law Center in May 2009. She is an associate at Cook, Yancey, King and Galloway in Shreveport.

Trey Newell, Shreveport, La., works in operations for Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP.

Janice Sneed M.B.A., Bossier City, La., is vice chancellor for Community and Workforce Development at Southern University at Shreveport.

2007

Carlie Duhon Bumgardner, Metairie, La., is a data processing seismic engineer for Schlumberger.

William Fell, Baton Rouge, La., is a student at LSU Law Center.

Brandon Fulenchek, Richardson, Texas, is an analyst at JP Morgan Chase Bank.

Pat Jenkins, Shreveport, La., received her Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling at Capella University in the Human Services graduate program.

Kacie Lopez, Seattle, Wash., is office manager for Bellarmine Advising Center at Seattle University.

Susan McNeeley, Cincinnati, Ohio, is pursuing her Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of Cincinnati and received her Master of Criminal Justice from the University of Memphis in May 2009.

Wes Pepitone, Alexandria, La., is a nursing home administrator for Magnolia Management.

Roxie Smith, Washington, D.C., is working on her M.A. in American literature at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. while boyfriend, **Tim Carpenter '06,** works at the State Department as a presidential management fellow.

Brandon Walker, Shreveport, La., is a senior field engineer for Schlumberger.

2008

Kendra Grimes Bertelsen, Saint Louis, Mo., is an associate civil engineer at Parsons. After graduating from Centenary, she attended Washingtion University in St. Louis where she received her B.S. in Civil Engineering.

Lauren Brown, Los Angeles, Calif., is pursuing a Master's of Animation at the University of Southern California and plans to finish in 2011.

Elizabeth Downes, Shreveport, La., is an admissions counselor at Centenary.

Madison Durapau, San Antonio, Texas, is working as an instructional assistant at Tarrant County College Southeast Campus in Arlington. She leaves at the end of July to pursue graduate studies in San Antonio. She will attend the University of Texas at San Antonio for a concentration in literary studies.

Mary Ham, Charleston, Ill., attends graduate school at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Ill., for a master's degree in College Student Affairs.

Margaret Mahoney, Houston, Texas, is an administrative assistant at Patriot Bank Mortgage.

Cory Olson, Richardson, Texas, is serving with the Peace Corps in Bulgaria. He teaches English as a foreign language to 2nd through 8th Graders in an underserved village in the northern part of the country. He thanks Centenary for preparing him for this experience and would "like to thank Carla and Saige for their amazing work keeping all of Centenary's alumni connected! God Bless!"

Megan Ottesen, Shreveport, La., is an oral English teacher for the Center for Teaching and Learning in China.

Anna Pendergast, Shreveport, La., is a business manager and trainer for Athletic Republic.

Rachel Powell, Raleigh, N.C., is a doctoral candidate at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. She is active with Political Action Council for Equality, Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and Soulforce.

Chelsea Shackelford, Shreveport, La., is an account executive with Gremillion and Pou.

Stacey Stokes, College Station, Texas, is a teacher in the Bryan ISD.

2009

Madeline Burgoyne, Houston, Texas, is a graduate student at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

Sara Carpenter, Shreveport, La., received her Bachelor of Arts in English from LSU Shreveport and will soon complete her Master of Science in Human Services Administration.

Leslie Clampitt, Dallas, Texas, loves travel, event planning, and film. She is looking for a career which would fit all three—film companies, cruise ships, out of the country destinations or marketing and public relations firms.

Karyn Gehrls, Shreveport, La., is an independent consultant for BeautiControl. She lives in the Shreveport area and works multiple jobs. Her main position is at Bath & Body Works on Youree Drive as a sales leader. She sings at Broadmoor United Methodist Church as a scholarship singer.

Stewart Greathouse, Benton, La., is a senior strategist at SG Consulting LLC.

Elizabeth Lyles, Shreveport, La., was featured on LPB's *Louisiana, The State We're In.* She was one of eight recipients awarded foreign-study scholarships by the La Fondation Louisiane.

Mindy McKoin, Playa Del Rey, Calif., is a graduate student at Loyola Marymount University in the Master of Fine Arts Film Production program.

Chris Philipbar M.B.A., Shreveport, La., is a business administrator at Forensic Nurse Examiners of Louisiana, Inc.

Kimberly Sandidge M.B.A., Shreveport, La., is vice president and financial sales director at Regions Bank.

Corey Shadd, Bossier City, La., is working for Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries Inc. as a development specialist.

Gabriel Silvas, Euless, Texas, works as a consultant for KPMG.

Douglas Sullivan, Stonewall, La., is vice president of The Fun Shop Too.

Virginia Applegate Yates, Fredericksburg, VA, is Minister of Worship at Arlington United Methodist Church. `

Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter Crawfish Boil Hosted by Cy Barcus '95, April 10, 2010

(L-R) Chuck Blackford, Trumon Davis '96, Adrianne Davis '98 and Reneé Sneed '96 (and children)

(L-R) Chapter President Kate Watts '05, Jason Wingert '01 and Zack Ingram '05

Marriages

Heidi Zimmerman Lindsay '95, Denver, Pa., and Scott Lindsay, 2008.

Tricia Augustin Switzer '73, Mc Kinney, Texas, and **Eric Switzer '74,** April 2009.

Amanda Holloway Thornton '03, Starkville, Miss., and Robert Thornton, April 4, 2009.

Carolyn Jane Morris Smith '01, Dallas, Texas, and Bobby Neil Smith, April 18, 2009.

Jeff Everson '01, Shreveport, La., and Andrea Master, May 2009.

Donna Ball Shelburne '88, Shreveport, La., and Dr. Steven Shelburne, Chair of the Centenary English Department, 2009.

Births

Jack '04 and **Ashley Wheat '04 Stevens,** Baton Rouge, La., boy, Ryan Cheston Stevens, Aug. 18, 2008.

Meredith Carlisle Johnson '93, Lafayette, Calif., boy, Robert Paul Johnson, Jan. 18, 2009.

Keith and **Karen Townsend '92 Murphree,** Statesboro, Ga., boy, Benjamin Lamon Murphree, Jan. 27, 2009.

Matthew '02 and **Jennifer Watson '02 Philbrook,** Austin, Texas, boy, Jacob Oliver Philbrook, Feb. 5, 2009.

Adam and **Jill Kovalchick Conway '99,** Dallas, Texas, girl, Eleanor Katherine Conway, Feb. 8, 2009.

Scott and **Heidi Zimmerman Lindsay '95,** Denver, Pa., girl, Alexa, Feb. 25, 2009.

Erin Bryan Eklund '02, Charlotte, N.C., girl, Anna Jewel, March 15, 2009.

Rob and **Erin Hatch Neal '93,** Arlington, Va., girl, Elizabeth Neal, April 8, 2009.

Jules and **Monique Cousins Hoffmeister '98,** New Orleans, La., boy, Ellis Jules Hoffmeister, April 21, 2009.

Joshua '03 and **Stacey Klingler '02 Chambers,** Katy, Texas, boy, Jack Henry Chambers, April 28, 2009.

Chris '00 and **Elizabeth Lagersen '99 Farrell,** Shreveport, La., girl, Sarah Grace Farrell, April 29, 2009.

Micah '99 and **Jennifer Phifer '99 Strange,** Shreveport, La., boy, Isaac Eliot, May 12, 2009.

Owen '02 and **Ashley Gaines '02 Mogabgab,** Brookline, Mass., girl, Katherine Emma, May 15, 2009.

Jeff '04 and Oana Broussard, Evanston, Ill., girl, Nicolina Broussard, June 10, 2009.

Matt and **Melissa Guillory Weaver '04,** New Orleans, La., boy, Paxton Thomas Weaver, June 16, 2009.

Leif '02 and **Sarah Lagersen '01 Sherry,** Falls Church, Va., boy, Liam Frederick, June 30, 2009.

Sal '01 and **Emily Smith '02 Genovese,** Shreveport, La., girl, Georgia Greenlee Genovese, July 15, 2009.

Bryan and **Brandy Smith '04,** Nashville, Tenn., boy, Braylen Isaac Hayse, July 16, 2009.

Mark and **Jennifer Parrish '89,** Cedar Hill, Texas, boy, Nicholas David Parrish, Dec. 11, 2009.

Robert and **Amanda Holloway Thornton '03,** Starkville, Miss., girl, Caralise Hope Thornton, April 8, 2010.

In Memoriam

Ardelle Van Arsdel ’28
Nov. 8, 2005

Ruth Batcheldor Anderson ’30
Sept. 8, 2005

Stuart Nicholas ’32
April 20, 2009

Dorothy Moss Hanks ’33
Dec. 17, 2009

Hazel Daniels ’35
Aug. 30, 2009

Beryl Netherton Magnusen ’35
July 19, 2009

Ruth Sandford Mulford ’35
July 23, 2009

Elizabeth Adger Thrall ’35
May 1, 2009

Frances Shearer Cannon ’36
Dec. 1, 2009

Tommy Crowe ’36
Aug. 21, 2007

James Stuckey ’36
July 14, 2004

Betty Neild Van Hook ’36
Feb. 14, 2010

Harriet Eddy Smith ’37
June 14, 2007

Manda Hamner Boykin ’38
Feb. 25, 2006

Corinne Lengsfield Roos ’38
June 25, 2009

Anita Neeson Chandler ’39
Oct. 25, 2009

Mary Fraser Creed ’39
Dec. 16, 2005

Ruby Graves Garrison ’39
Dec. 30, 2008

Nell Schermerhorn Murdock ’39, July 14, 2009

Ed Whitehurst ’39
July 9, 2009

Katie Beth Collins Baker ’40
Sept. 21, 2009

Marguerite Lockhart Brown ’40, March 22, 2010

Jim Dean ’41
March 15, 2010

Harold Hayden ’41
May 7, 2009

Paul Mayer ’41
July 23, 2009

Juanita Ryland Rembert ’41
July 25, 2009

William Alston ’42
Sept. 13, 2009

Myrian Holloway Birtman ’42
Sept. 30, 2009

Camp Flournoy ’42
June 2, 2009

W. E. Hall ’42
July 4, 2008

Frances Boatner McHenry ’42
Jan. 16, 2010

David Barton ’43
June 20, 2009

Laura Hodges Dailey ’43
Oct. 4, 2009

Alice Goodson ’43
Oct. 21, 2009

Cecil Ramey ’43
April 8, 2009

Roland Achee ’44
Aug. 31, 2009

Montez Babin ’44
Oct. 4, 2009

Marie Wolf Butler ’44
Sept. 29, 2009

Azalie Webb Crain ’44
March 25, 2010

Robert Earhart ’44
April 4, 2010

John Lowe ’44
Oct. 15, 2009

June Franks Montgomery ’44
June 11, 2009

Flo Whittington Price ’44
July 27, 2009

Priscilla Crosby Rice ’44
Dec. 12, 2009

Eleanor Brown Greve ’45
Nov. 25, 2009

E.W. Harris ’45
Sept. 15, 2009

Louie Dance Long ’45
Jan. 22, 2010

Mary Smith Martin ’45
April 13, 2010

Justine Holmes Parish ’45
May 22, 2009

Elizabeth Matthews Ray ’45
Aug. 31, 2009

Beverly Bornitz ’46
Feb. 15, 2010

Paul Madden ’47 attended the WWII veteran reunion in France in the fall of 2009. This photo was taken at Saint Avold, France at the Lorraine American Cemetery where soldiers from his unit were buried. *Photo courtesy of Grace Bareikis with permission for use from Mr. Madden.*

Martha Peyton Dunlop ’46
April 14, 2009

Julie Meadows Nelson ’46
Dec. 19, 2009

Bill Patton ’46
Jan. 23, 2009

Jane Cook Ehmling ’47
Aug. 26, 2009

Walter Fulton ’47
March 19, 2007

Bert Greve ’47
Sept. 15, 2009

Jean Hayes Halford ’47
Oct. 29, 2007

Hill Harris ’47
Sept. 14, 2009

Tom Ruffin ’47
April 30, 2009

Jimmy Turner ’47
Feb. 28, 2010

William Willcox ’47
July 7, 2009

Richard Barry ’48
Oct. 19, 2008

Alice Curtis Brown ’48
Sept. 27, 2009

Howard Crawford ’48
Nov. 7, 2009

James Dunbar ’48
July 10, 2009

Joe Greer ’48
Feb. 7, 2010

Betty Warren Wooley ’48
Nov. 30, 2009

James Carver ’49
Oct. 23, 2009

Marilyn Miller Garrett ’49
March 26, 2010

James Herlong ’49
Feb. 13, 2006

Loraine Jordan Kent ’49
Dec. 16, 2009

Anna Herrmann O’Kelley ’49
Aug. 8, 2009

Mary Jane Callahan Reagan ’49, May 3, 2007

Joseph Smith ’49
Aug. 30, 2007

Henry Wilson ’49
April 12, 2009

Toxey Bowen ’50
Feb. 18, 2010

Robert Briggs ’50
April 12, 2009

Bob Goodwin ’50
Jan. 29, 2010

Tyree Hooker ’50
Feb. 15, 2010

Joyce Youngblood Hughes ’50
Feb. 11, 2009

John Leopard ’50
Jan. 26, 2010

James Nelson ’50
Jan. 14, 2010

Harry Todd ’50
Oct. 15, 2008

Chester Cooke ’51
Jan. 15, 2010

Tom Crane ’51
July 6, 2009

Bill Kimball ’51
July 19, 2008

Roy LeBlanc ’51
March 20, 2010

Joe Mooty ’52
Dec. 18, 2009

Michael Schafir ’52
Oct. 29, 2009

Jo Ann Drake Snow ’52
Dec. 16, 2009

Marianne Allday Van Bergh ’52, April 19, 2008

Frank Agee ’54
Jan. 23, 2009

James Black ’54
Nov. 22, 2009

Ronald Demint ’54
July 22, 2009

Carlee Wilkinson Dillman ’54
Nov. 3, 2009

Donald Driskell ’54
Aug. 8, 2009

Mary Colvin Fischer ’54
Feb. 14, 2007

Beverly Balentine Reid ’54
Feb. 11, 2008

Joan Baker Sheffield ’54
Dec. 8, 2009

Jane Young Allen ’55
April 23, 2009

Richard Clarke ’55
June 23, 2009

T. V. Holmes ’55
Sept. 11, 2009

Jack Brook ’56
Sept. 14, 2009

Ed Harbuck ’56
Dec. 25, 2009

Diane Lawton Mayer ’56
June 22, 2009

Eloise Sanders ’56
July 8, 2009

Thomas Summerlin ’56
April 16, 2009

John Thompson ’56
Aug. 31, 2009

Jim McGraw ’57
April 4, 2009

William Brown ’58
Feb. 1, 2010

John Appleby ’59
June 18, 2007

Howard Bonner ’59
May 31, 2008

Patricia Spivey Festervand ’59
Feb. 20, 2009

Grady Hines ’59
Sept. 25, 2009

Waymon Longino ’59
Dec. 15, 2009

Charles Dyer ’60
Dec. 12, 2009

Joe Withrow ’60
Nov. 21, 2009

Mary Farmer ’61
Feb. 2, 2010

Richard Herrmann ’61
Jan. 17, 2010

Joseph Trouy ’61
July 28, 2009

Francis Kelker ’62
April 1, 2009

Margaret Robinson Matlock ’62, March 15, 2010

Dale Van Bibber ’62
April 19, 2009

Joseph West ’62
Sept. 9, 2009

Grayson Rogers ’63
Jan. 1, 2010

Mary Olentine Noe ’64
Jan. 3, 2007

Georgia Sult Almond ’65
Nov. 7, 2007

Peggy Wenk Benoit ’66
Oct. 24, 2009

Ramona Griner Stephens ’66
Nov. 28, 2006

Paul Reinscheld ’67
Oct. 1, 2009

Marjorie Meads Hill ’68
March 18, 2008

Nancy Wilson Scholl ’68
Sept. 19, 2008

Mike Kidda ’69
Nov. 19, 2008

Chris Prince ’69
Oct. 7, 2009

Tom Young Young ’69
Feb. 28, 2010

Janice Garmany Bane ’70
Dec. 1, 2009

Bernard Black ’70
Feb. 25, 2010

Ruth Frazier Duncan ’70
Jan. 8, 2010

Cathy Cox Thompson ’70
March 24, 2010

Carolyn Webb Warner ’70
May 1, 2009

Ann Merritt Whittington ’71
Aug. 31, 2009

Jim Riley ’72
Feb. 26, 2009

Allan Stacy ’73
July 7, 2009

Holice Hoshall Henrici ’75
March 12, 2010

Micheal Aken ’76
Feb. 6, 2008

Linda Fannon-Kaster ’77
April 15, 2009

Josh Bristow ’79
Oct. 9, 2008

Pam Devault Bigner ’80
April 16, 2009

Wanda Kirkland Outlaw-Bernard ’80, July 20, 2009

William Sullivan ’80
March 28, 2010

Isam Berry ’82
June 1, 2006

Floyd English ’82
March 29, 2009

Jim Andrews ’87
June 14, 2009

Cynthia Hathorn ’98
Nov. 21, 2009

Karen Henderson ’02
March 27, 2010

Herbert A. Cope ’50
May 8, 2010

During the 2009-2010 academic year, students left their "footprints" near and far. Student groups traveled to two very different locations; leaving lasting impressions on those they visited.

Bahamas Mission Trip

On Feb. 14, 2010, 12 Centenary students, along with members of the Christian Leadership Center traveled to the island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas to take part in a six-day mission with the Bahamas Methodist Habitat. The group put their love of neighbor into action as they worked on two houses painting, installing drywall and tile, and bead boarding ceilings. Working very long hours, the group was "rewarded" with site-seeing trips around the island and daily lunch breaks at near-by beaches.

Choir goes "Down Under"

The Centenary Choir traveled to the "Land Down Under" May 28, 2009 for an 11-day tour of New Zealand and Australia. The 61-member choir traveled to Auckland and Rotorua, New Zealand and wrapped up their tour by joining choirs from around the world at the Sydney Opera House for a performance of *Mozart's Requiem Mass in D minor*. Centenary's "Singing Ambassadors" performed a short concert of their own repertoire before joining 100 singers from four other choirs for the main concert.

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